

SAINT MICHAEL CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Purpose:

These Rules and Regulations are based upon diocesan rules and principles of sound management. Your cooperation is asked in abiding by them so the grounds will be preserved as a respectable and attractive resting place for members of your family and friends.

- 1) The Pastor of St. Michael Parish is Ex-officio Manager of St. Michael Cemetery
- 2) The Board regularly monitors the usage of Traditional Graves Sites to:
 - a) Maximize the availability of the limited amount of land for casket with vault burials
 - b) Encourage the utilization of the Columbarium Niches for the intended purpose of cremains

NOTE: AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM (3), THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ASSESS ADDITIONAL CHARGES IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF INTERMENT OF CREMAINS AT A TRADITIONAL GRAVE SITE.

- 3) For Traditional Grave Sites purchased AFTER January 13, 2015
 - a) ONE cremains burial will be permitted per grave site at no additional charge
 - b) After one cremains burial in a Traditional Grave Site purchased AFTER January 13, 2015 an additional purchase cost of \$575 assessed at the time of additional cremains burial
 - c) Board reserves the right to change this cost structure at any time and apply such change retroactively to Traditional Grave Sites purchased AFTER January 13, 2015
- 4) Cemetery Board will provide a current value credit for any unused grave (old or new) traded in to the cemetery for a Columbarium niche
 - a) Credit would be applied to the cost of a Columbarium niche
 - b) In no event shall the trade in of multiple unused graves result in the sum of credits exceeding the then actual purchase cost(s) of a Columbarium niche(s)
 - c) Current credit is \$575 per unused grave plot
- 5) Board of Managers consists of the following officers:
 - a) President
 - b) Vice-President
 - c) Superintendent
 - d) Assistant Superintendent(s)
 - e) Secretary/Treasurer
 - f) Six Managers
 - g) One Legal Advisor

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- 6) St. Michael Cemetery is designed, graded and ornamented under direction of the Board of Managers
 - 7) Superintendent, along with the assistance of the Board of Managers shall:
 - a) Keep in order fences and roadways
 - b) Maintain in general good conditions all burial lots already sold as well as all sections opened for interment
 - c) Plant trees, shrubs and flowers on sites not usable for graves whenever it may be deemed advisable
 - 8) Grave decorations and landscape
 - a) No alteration of grades of lots shall be permitted
 - b) Potted flowers are permitted on graves but must be removed during fall and spring cleanup
 - c) Flower vases of iron and stone are acceptable, but no glass containers are permitted
 - d) The removal of sod from the tops of graves, and the planting of flowers, trees, shrubbery, or vines of any kind are not permitted
 - e) Trellises of wire with hanging baskets may be placed on burial lots, provided they are movable
 - f) No fences, hedges, posts, or enclosures of any kind are to be placed around lots
 - g) No footstones allowed
 - h) Lot marks will be set by, and at the expense of, the Board of Managers
- NOTE: IN NO EVENT WILL DECORATIONS OR LANDSCAPING INTERFERE WITH FUNERAL RITES, CEMETERY MOWING AND TRIMMING, OR ANY OTHER ACCESS/MOBILITY NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE CEMETERY. THE BOARD OF MANAGERS HAS THE RIGHT TO IMMEDIATELY MODIFY OR REMOVE DECORATIONS OR LANDSCAPING THAT INTERFERE WITH THE OPERATION OF THE CEMETERY.**
- 9) All full-size casket burials require a vault
 - 10) Gravesite Certificate
 - a) Received upon payment-in-full for the lot
 - b) Provides for the perpetual holding and use of said lots for the burial of human remains, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery, the Discipline of the Catholic Church, and the Laws of the Diocese of Toledo, now in force or that may hereafter be adopted regarding burials and funerals
 - c) Catholic adults not members of St. Michael Parish will incur an additional cost for a grave site per the price schedule in effect at the time of purchase
 - 11) Upon death of lot-holder
 - a) Rights pass to whosoever shall be entitled, in a lawful manner, to hold such lot
 - b) If several persons are equally entitled to such rights, consent of each (in writing) must be obtained before any further transfer of rights will be permitted

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- 12) Monument and headstone
 - a) Any inscription stating more than names and dates must be submitted to the Board of Managers for approval
 - b) May be of any desired size, must be placed at head of lot only, and must not over extend lot size
 - c) Must be placed on foundation installed by the Board of Managers

- 13) Foundations
 - a) Poured under the supervision of the Board of Managers
 - b) Charged to the company placing the monument or marker
 - c) All charges will be at current prevailing rates

- 14) All persons employed by the Cemetery
 - a) Subject to the control and direction of the Board of Managers
 - b) If they fail or refuse to comply with Regulations of the Cemetery, they shall not be permitted to again work in the Cemetery under any pretext whatsoever

- 15) Transfers, changes, and alienation of lots and graves (if ever advisable or necessary)
 - a) May be made only through the Board of Managers, with their consent and under their control
 - b) Cash refund for released lot (or portion thereof) shall be determined by the Board of Managers in keeping with the original purchase price of said lot

- 16) It shall not be permitted to inter in a lot anyone not an immediate relative of the lot-holder
 - a) Lot-holder shall not receive compensation for an interment in his lot
 - b) No removal from a lot or single grave shall take place without the written consent of the Board of Managers

- 17) All work in the Cemetery must be done by the Superintendent under the direction of the Board of Managers

- 18) Superintendent
 - a) Responsible for sale of lots and perpetual care of said lots
 - b) Current prices are available from Board of Managers, St. Michael Parish website, or local funeral directors

- 19) Lot purchasers
 - a) Agree to accept, observe and abide by the Rules of the Cemetery now in effect
 - b) The right is reserved by the Board of Managers to modify these regulations whenever and inasmuch as it shall be deemed expedient or necessary
 - c) Any modifications shall have the same binding effect upon present and future lot-holders
 - d) Certain modifications as described in item (3) of the Rules and Regulations shall have a retroactive effective date