



Catholic Cemeteries Association

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CCA Newsletter

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*Merry Christmas and a Blessed
New Year 2023!*



From the Desk of the Executive Director...

■ Greetings!

As we approach this blessed season it is helpful to recall the blessings that we have



received in the past year. Your Catholic Cemeteries Association (CCA) has worked diligently to provide a peaceful and beautiful environment as a final resting place for your loved ones and family.

We have opened new sections which allow you to create fully customizable monuments, conducted an extensive tree reduction program for your safety as well as replaced and repaired roads and walkways to add to the serenity of our properties.

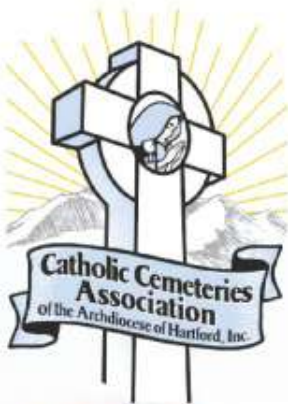
As always feel free to contact us so we can answer any questions or concerns you may have about your Catholic Cemeteries Association. On behalf of all of us at CCA, we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Joyous and Prosperous New year!

Peace,

John Pinone

This outstanding offer is still available...

END-OF-THE-YEAR HOLIDAY SPECIALS!



Catholic Cemeteries Association is making it easier than ever to pre-plan your cemetery arrangements in one of our 30 cemeteries.

Why pre-plan?

- It ensures your wishes are carried out
- It is the greatest gift you can leave your family and loved ones
- It locks in your pricing, without being subjected to price increases in the future

And Catholic Cemeteries Association is making it even easier with our End-Of-2022 Specials!

Purchase any grave or mausoleum crypt and receive 0% financing, with no money down!

Any space more than \$ 7,500, pay 24 equal monthly payments for two years*

Any space less than \$ 7,500, pay 12 equal monthly payments for one year*

Call one of our Family Service Advisors today for more details! Offer expires 12/31/2022

* Cannot be combined with any other offers. Special applies to Pre-Need sales only.



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Be sure to inquire about our

New Semi-Private Estates at Mt. St. Benedict, All Saints and Calvary Cemeteries...



Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford is pleased to announce the new Semi-Private Family Estates located around the St Benedict statue in our historic Mt St Benedict Cemetery. These exclusive shrub lined individual Semi-Private Family Estate offers two or four grave lots with a complementary granite memorial bench.

A Semi-Private Family Estate provides the opportunity to choose an exceptional resting place with special memorials. It allows your family to maintain a perpetual family bond among multiple generations.

*To learn more please call (860) 242-0738 and
speak with a Family Service Advisor.*

The better educated you are the better choices you can make!

Queen of the Universe Cremation Garden 18" x 24" Flush Markers



Queen of the Universe Cremation Garden

ALL SAINTS CEMETERY IN NORTH HAVEN

Our cremation garden is a tranquil area where your loved ones remains are laid to rest surrounding the Queen of the Universe. The Queen of the Universe cremation garden is beautifully landscaped section devoted entirely only to 20 double interment spaces. The focal point is a twelve foot statue of our Blessed Mother offering a unique place for gathering, reflection, and prayer. Each of the 20 spaces is \$3900 and includes

- † 18" x 24" granite marker engraved with one of your loved ones name and date of passing
- † double urn vault
- † perpetual care
- † second rights

Please meet with one of our professional Family Service Advisors to be part of this exclusive final resting garden.

www.ccacem.org or (203) 239-2557



CALL TODAY!

*Looking for ways to honor
your loved one throughout
the year?
Give a gift that keeps giving...*



*Flowers for Crypt and Niche spaces
change with the season*

Memorial Candles



*Ask a Family Service Advisor about
our many memorialization options*



*Memorial Benches can be inscribed
with names, religious pictures, sacred
scripture and more...*

*We have Memorial Portraits
available...*

Did you know we offer Cameo Photos?



To All families with loved ones entombed in the mausoleum

Catholic Cemeteries Association is now offering families the option of purchasing Porcelain Cameo Photographs through the cemetery

The cameo photo will be secured to the front of the crypt cover by cemetery employees securing the bronze frame from the interior side of the crypt cover

Information can be obtained from the Cemetery Office

Cameo Photos are only permitted on the mausoleum and columbariums
Cameo Photos ARE NOT ALLOWED on any outside memorial work

***Here's how CCA is working for you...
we are growing our team!***

Family Service Advisors (FSAs)

serve families with care and compassion, educating and

guiding them through the process of making informed decisions for Cemetery Advanced Planning, At-Need Cemetery Planning, and Memorialization products and services.

Our team of experts are available to assist you with all your cemetery needs like: burials, cremation gardens, mausoleum crypts, niches and much more.

Welcome Karen...



Karen Sullivan has been serving as a Family Service Advisor with the Catholic Cemeteries Association since June 2022. Although new to this business, she feels she is doing what she was always meant to be doing. She has always displayed a way of connecting with people and making them feel at ease and taken care of.

Originally from Long Island, Karen lived in the

Tampa area of Florida for more than 30 years before moving back to the Northeast or “home” as she refers to it.

Karen is the single mother of two school aged children, an avid photographer, and a baseball mom.

You can find Karen at the follow Cemeteries:

Karen services All Saints Cemetery in North Haven, Holy Cross Cemetery in Glastonbury and St. Mary’s Cemetery in New Britain and she may be reached at:

ksullivan@ccacem.org

203-668-2751

Seasoned FSA...



Joe DeMatos

Hello,

I’ve had the pleasure of working for the Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford for several years. In my experience I have seen that many people don’t realize all of the options available in cemetery, funeral and memorial care. Now is the best time to discover what is available for you and your family. By making funeral and burial decisions in advance, you free your loved ones from this responsibility. This gives them time to build a foundation for healing and support for one another. The funeral and cemetery service will be a time of reflection and a celebration of your life. Choosing a funding option completes your advance funeral plan. We offer a variety of payment plans that will meet your needs. My promise to you is I will be attentive to your needs and will explain all the options available to carry out your personal

wishes. I'm fluent in Portuguese and I offer my services at the following locations:

All Saints Cemetery in North Haven

Saint Lawrence Cemetery in West Haven

Mount Saint Peter Cemetery in Derby

Saint James Cemetery in Naugatuck

You may contact me by phone at 203-673-6429 or email at jdematos@ccacem.org.

May god bless you and your family.

It is better to give...

Christmas Food Drive



November 25, 2022- January 6, 2023

We are accepting non-perishable food items to support our local food banks & shelters.



Thank you for your donation

Merry Christmas

Catholic Cemeteries Association

*Drop off Box will be placed in the
Mausoleum.*

Thank you in advance for your kindness!

Do this in memory of me...

Memorial Christmas Tree Program

*All are welcome to place a favorite or
special ornament in remembrance of a
loved one.*

*Items will be removed on January 6, 2023.
Any ornaments remaining at that time will
be available for pick up in the cemetery
office.*

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Catholic Cemeteries Association is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

*Place a keepsake ornament on our
Memorial Tree in honor of a loved one
this Christmas.*

Trees are displayed in our Mausoleums.



*Pray for us O Holy Mother of
God...*



You are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.-Matthew 1:21

Seasonal Decorations...



*Gentle reminder:
Winter Decorations will be removed
as of March 1st.
For more information...visit our
website by clicking on the button
below*

[Winter Rules](#)

*Dignity of Life Seminars!
Learn why Pre-Planning is the
greatest gift to leave your loved ones.*



This Archdiocesan approved program is successfully assisting parishioners with elder care and end-of-life planning. The goal of the session is to provide

- educational and resource information in the areas of burial, estate planning and information about the Catholic Funeral Plan. Let the experts assist you.

For your convenience and safety, we will be offering small-sized in-person seminars on the following days or evenings:

2023 Schedule:

**Wednesday, March 1st
St. Margaret Mary Parish
So. Windsor, CT
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Wednesday, March 15th
St. Mary's Church
Simsbury, CT
Faith Center
Time: 2:00PM**

**Thursday, March 30th
St. John Church
300 Captain Thomas Blvd.
West Haven, CT
Time: 2:00PM**

**Thursday, April 20th
St. Francis of Assisi Church
Naugatuck, CT
Time: 6:00 PM**

**Thursday, May 11th
St. John XXIII Parish
St. Louis Church
West Haven, CT
Time: 6:00 PM**

**Thursday, May 25th
Mary, Mother of the Church Parish
St. Leo the Great Hall
Waterbury, CT
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Thursday, June 8th
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church
Meriden, CT
Time: 6:00PM**

**Wednesday, July 12th
Holy Rosary Church
Ansonia, CT
Time: 2:00 PM**

For more information about our Seminars and to register,
please visit

our website www.ccacem.org or call

our Outreach Coordinator,

Barbara Gode (203) 780-8418 or
email her at bgode@ccacem.org

To register for a seminar...

**Visit our
website**

When you attend a Dignity of Life Seminar you will learn more about our NEW Service...

Ask us about the Catholic Funeral Plan[®] Preserving the Catholic Burial Traditions of our families

A faith-based, pre-need plan for you and your loved ones

The Catholic Funeral Plan allows Catholics to make their funeral and cemetery arrangements in advance. The Plan guarantees that, upon your death, the arrangements you've selected will be executed as stated in your Plan, outline and in accordance with the Traditions of the Catholic Faith.

By enrolling in the Catholic Funeral Plan[®] (CFP), you will be developing a program outline for your funeral service that best suits you. You can choose a funeral home, and select specific arrangements at a cost that meets your budget. At the time of need, your funeral home will make and execute the arrangements,

The CFP will oversee the process, ensuring that your wishes are carried out as you directed and within the guidelines of the Catholic Faith Tradition.

Dramatic changes are taking place today in the way we buy goods and services. Locally-owned banks, grocery stores and drugstores are giving way to regional or national chains. The funeral industry is no exception. Large, publicly-held corporations and regional consolidators are beginning to dominate the industry, driving up prices and changing how funerals are delivered. One of the negative results for Catholic families has been a decrease in the observance

of our Church's traditional liturgical rites for the dead, in particular the Mass of Christian Burial at the parish.

The Catholic Funeral Plan has been developed to safeguard the Church's sacred burial traditions against the forces of change and to guarantee Catholic families the right to be buried in accordance with these traditions at an affordable cost.

What will the CFP offer me and my family?

- An affordable way to preserve the Traditions of the Catholic Faith
- Assurance that your wishes will be executed according to the plan
- Inflation protection with any excess accumulated paid to your beneficiary

Register today!

Always remember that 'healing ultimately comes from the Most High'



by [Pope Saint John Paul II](#)

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To Distinguished

Professor Domenico Di Virgilio

President of the

Italian Catholic Physicians' Association

1. On the occasion of the 23rd National Congress of the Italian Catholic Physicians' Association, I extend my cordial greeting to you and to everyone present.

The Church's concern for the sick has always gone together with preaching the Gospel and is expressed in nursing care and treatment that have benefited untold numbers of suffering persons. With this awareness, as Catholic doctors you are called as believers to witness to Christ through works of fraternal charity and dedication for the promotion of peace and justice, effectively helping to eliminate the causes of suffering that humiliate and sadden humankind. As doctors, then, or servants of life, you find in practicing your profession a special opportunity to help build a world that increasingly measures up to the dignity of the human being. Medicine, properly understood, speaks the universal language of sharing, paying attention to every person without distinction and welcoming all to alleviate

the sufferings of each one.

All the sick have equal dignity

2. There is no human being who has not known or will not know illness. It can afflict us all and involves the person at every level, from the physical to the psychological. Medicine must therefore strive to make people whole without any form of discrimination, in keeping with the needs of the entire person.

To succeed in this, the medical world cannot abstain from careful reflection on the very nature of the human being, created by God in his image and likeness. Human dignity is not only founded in the mystery of Creation, but also in the mystery of the Redemption brought about by Our Lord Jesus Christ. And if the origin of man is in itself the basis of his dignity, so is his destiny: the human person is called to be a "son in the Son" and a living temple of the Holy Spirit, in the perspective of an eternal life of beatific communion with God.

The human being is the centre and summit of all that exists on earth: no other visible being possesses the same dignity. Since men and women are "conscious and free" beings, they can never be reduced to mere instruments. Today, the inviolable dignity of the person must be asserted more powerfully and consistently than ever! It is impossible to speak of a human being who is no longer a person or has yet to become one: personal dignity is a radical feature of each human being and disparity is neither acceptable nor justifiable!

Suffering cannot lead to ending life

3. Dear promoters of medicine, I reassert in your presence those ethical principles that

are founded on the Hippocratic Oath itself: no lives are unworthy of living; no suffering, however terrible, can justify the suppression of a life; no reason, however lofty, makes it plausible to "create" human beings for subsequent exploitation and destruction.

Always be inspired in your decisions by the conviction that life should be nurtured and protected from its conception until its natural end. You will be recognized as Catholic doctors by your defence of the inviolable dignity of every human person. In your work of safeguarding and fostering health, never neglect the person's spiritual dimension. If, in seeking cure and alleviate suffering, you are clearly aware of the meaning of life and death and the role of pain in human life, you will succeed in promoting authentic civilization.

Research: respect human dignity

4. An arrogant mindset prevails in our society that claims to discriminate between one life and another, forgetting that the only truly human response in the face of someone else's suffering is the love that works wonders through attention and sharing.

Unfortunately, as in so many other human activities, in medicine too, if scientific progress on the one hand is a formidable instrument for improving the standard of life and well-being, on the other, it can serve the desire to oppress and dominate. Scientific research, oriented to the good of the human being by its very nature, then risks losing its original purpose. No type of research can ignore the intangible quality of every individual human life: to violate this rule would mean opening the doors to a new kind of barbarity.

5. Dear Doctors, the Christian vision of service to one's suffering neighbour cannot but be advantageous to the correct practice of a profession of fundamental social importance. Biomedical research also expects to be enlivened by a Christian inspiration so that it may contribute better and better to the true well-being of humanity.

In your hospitals and laboratories, you are proud of the Christian identity that has distinguished you in the past 60 years of your service to the sick and to the promotion of life. May you be able to recognize Christ himself in every ailing person, collaborating with those who are involved in the pastoral care of the sick. You will thus add to the irreplaceable contribution of your professionalism the warmth of "heart" that alone can humanize structures. Live your service with constant prayer to God "who loves the living" (Wis 11:26), always remembering that healing ultimately comes from the Most High (cf. Sir 38:1-2).

Dear Catholic Doctors, I entrust you with affection to the Most Holy Virgin, whom you call upon as *Salus Infirmorum et Mater Scientiae*, so that, sustaining you with her shining example of steadfast faith and greatness in mercy, she may protect you in the daily practice of your profession. It is with these sentiments that I bless everyone from my heart.

**From the Vatican, 9 November 2004
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*Merry Christmas
from our family to yours...*



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help*

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