

**Catholic Cemeteries Association** 

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CCA Newsletter June 2023

# Happy Father's Day!



## From the Desk of the Executive Director...



#### Greetings!

Welcome June!! We see the grass flourishing, Summer officially beginning, and of course Father's Day. We traditionally honor the dead every day as Catholics, we pray for the dead as part of the Corporal Works of Mercy because we recognize that we are all part of the Communion of Saints

and the community that is the Church. Father's Day is a blessed day honoring the earthly father's who, in the steps of St Joseph, care for the Holy Family.

We all are holy families and as we are made in the image and likeness of God the Father, so too are our families made in the image of The Holy Family. It is this deeply held Catholic belief that by imitating Christ on earth, we will achieve His Glorious Resurrection. So God the Father is the example of Fatherhood through St Joseph for us to emulate. What better way to honor these wonderful beliefs than to spend time on consecrated ground visiting and praying for the Fathers who have gone before us. Your CCA has been working diligently to ensure the grounds are beautiful for your loved ones entrusted to our care. We welcome any comments and observations about ways to continually improve your cemeteries to make each visit a special one.

Happy Father's Day!

Best regards,

#### John Pinone

## New!

We have Semi-Private Estates at Mt. St. Benedict, Calvary, Holy Cross and All Saints 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!



Mt. St. Benedict-Bloomfield (pictured above)



## Calvary Cemetery-Waterbury (pictured above)



Holy Cross Cemetery-Glastonbury (pictured above)



All Saints Cemetery-North Haven (pictured above)

# Call for your tour today!

#### Ask us about the Catholic Funeral Plan<sup>®</sup> Preserving the Catholic Burial Traditions





# 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

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 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 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

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

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

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To learn more about the Catholic Funeral Plan click on the button below...

www.catholicfsa.com

New at All Saints Cemetery in North Haven



#### Queen of the Universe Cremation Garden

ALL SAINTS CEMETERY IN NORTH HAVEN

Our cremation garden is a tranquil area where your loved ones cremains 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

## Our Care Team of

# 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.

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

# Meet Christina!

Christina Zampedri is Family Service Advisor celebrating 4.5 years of dedication and service to families of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Christina serves in New Haven County, but can be found serving at our Cemeteries in Derby, West Haven, North Haven and periodically in Meriden/Wallingford & New Britain locations. After



graduating from Rhode Island College, Christina pursued a career in Social Work. Her experience working with persons with disabilities and those suffering from brain trauma and the aging has been instrumental in her current line of work. Christina exudes a passion for assisting others. She tells us, "The topic of death can be very scary, even taboo for many people. I provide the education, information and knowledge to help them make the best decisions for themselves and their loved ones. I find families are actually having fun on our tour through the Cemetery. It is such a pleasure to help them find their forever homes."

In her free time, Christina enjoys Kayaking, Pilates, hiking, painting and trying out new recipes on the grill.

Contact Christina:

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# **Dignity of Life Seminars!** Register TODAY for a FREE Educational Seminar on the importance of Pre-planning



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 us help.

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

#### 2023 Schedule:

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

Wednesday, June 21st St. Bartholomew Church Hall Manchester, CT Time: 6:00 PM

Thursday, June 22nd Church of the Incarnation Wethersfield, CT Time: 2:00 PM

Wednesday, July 5th St. Anthony Church Hall Bristol, CT Time: 2:00 PM

Thursday, July 6th St. Anthony Church Hall Bristol, CT Time: 6:00 PM

Wednesday, July 12th Holy Rosary Church Ansonia, CT Time: 2:00 PM Wednesday, July 26th Basilica of the Immaculate Waterbury, CT Time: 2:00 PM

Thursday, July 27th Basilica of the Immaculate Waterbury, CT Time: 6:00 PM

> Friday, August 18th St. Augustine Church Hartford, CT Time: 2:00 PM

Thursday, August 24th St. Teresa of Avila Church Woodbury, CT Time: 2:00 PM

Wednesday, September 6th St. Peter's Hall Torrington, CT Time: 2:00 PM

Thursday, September 7th St. Peter's Hall Torrington, CT Time: 6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 13th St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall North Haven, CT Time: 2:00 PM

Thursday, September 14th St. Francis Cabrini Church Hall North Haven, CT Time: 6:00 PM

Thursday, September 21st St Pauls Church Glastonbury, CT Time: 2:00 PM Wednesday, September 27th St. George Church Hall Guilford, CT Time: 2:00 PM

Thursday, September 28th St. George Church Hall Guilford, CT Time: 6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 4th St. Augustine Church North Branford, CT Time: 9:30 AM

Thursday, October 12th St. Mary's Church Hall New Britain, CT Time: 2:00 PM

Wednesday, October 18th TENTATIVE St. Margaret Church Hall Madison, CT Time: 2:00 PM

Thursday, October 19th TENTATIVE St. Margaret Church Hall Madison, CT Time: 6:00 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

If you are interested in offering a seminar in your area, please ask your pastor to reach out to us.

#### To register for a seminar...

# Visit our website

# Catch us on the Radio....



*Tune in every Saturday at 11:00 WDRC the TALK OF CT ...* 

Tune in at 1360 AM, 103.3 FM, 1470 AM (Meriden), and 610 AM (Torrington) to hear Chris Radlicz, our Family Service Director, at CCA and President of Catholic Family Services Association speak about the importance of Pre-Planning issues facing Catholic Families as well as a host of other timely subjects important to Catholics.

## Self-help...

# How To Write a Eulogy A 7 step guide to writing a eulogy that honors your loved one.

#### 1. Interview family and friends

Don't feel that the complete weight of remembering your loved one is on your shoulders. Instead, ask family members or friends to share their stories of your loved one. This process itself can be very cathartic, as the act of remembering and sharing can help in the healing process itself.

#### 2. Tell a story (or stories)

Everyone at the service will appreciate your personal memories of your loved one. Don't worry about remembering each detail, perfectly; just share the details that matter to you. To think about a good story, try out some of these prompts:

- What's a favorite memory you have?
- What made them laugh?
- What was their proudest moment in life?
- What did they most enjoy?

• What's a little known fact about your loved one? These questions will help you to remember some enjoyable stories and can serve as a jumping off point.

## 3. Don't think about it as public speaking

Sure, you might be speaking in front of a lot of people. But, no one is judging you or analyzing what you're saying. They're simply listening and appreciating, and thinking about their own personal connection to the deceased. However, if you want to feel more confident while delivering your lines, it can be helpful to write everything down in case you experience a moment of nerves up there, as we all often do.

#### 4. Keep it brief

Share as much as you want to share, but don't feel that you have to overburden yourself with pages of stories. Choose the one or two that are most meaningful to you, and you'll have a eulogy that truly does justice in celebrating your loved one.

#### 5. Read it out loud

Before the service, read the speech out loud to yourself or to a trusted family member or friend. They'll help calm any nerves, make any suggestions about what resonates the most with them or pick out any particularly inspirational elements to focus on further.

#### 6. Humor heals

It's OK, and perfectly acceptable, to be funny or tell a humorous story in a eulogy. At a time that brings sadness to many people, it is important and hugely helpful to be celebrating a life well lived with funny memories and entertaining anecdotes.

#### 7. Take a deep breath

Finally, relax. It can be difficult given all that you're going through right now, but be at peace knowing that you're honoring and celebrating your loved one. Looking for some inspiration of what others in your situation wrote when they were in your shoes? Here are some examples of some truly inspiring words written in honor of deceased celebrities. And just remember, speak what you feel and your eulogy will turn out perfectly.

*resource:* <u>How To Write a Eulogy | Albany Diocesan</u> <u>Cemeteries (capitaldistrictcemeteries.org)</u>

Featured Cemetery of the Month... Mt. St. Peter-Derby



To contact Mt. St. Peter in Derby click here...

Mt. St. Peter Cemetery

Rosary Walk begins Tuesday, June 6th at 6:00 PM



Join us every **Tuesday evening** beginning June 6th, 2023 at **6:00 PM** for the **Rosary Walk** at All Saints Cemetery in North Haven Visit the **Catholic Cemeteries Association** website to get day-to-day information on the walk

> *www.ccacem.org* \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Learn why we walk rain or shine, where to meet...and so much more! Questions? Call our Outreach Coordinator, Barbara at 203 507-9213

For safety reasons, please wear proper sun protection and

secure foot wear.

Thank you for joining us on **Memorial Day** for Mass throughout the Catholic Cemeteries Association!



May we always remember to pray for all those who made the ultimate sacrifices for us!

God bless America!

Stay Connected... We're standing by to assist you.



Call today!

Contact us