Catholic Cemeteries Association

OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD, INC.

PERPETUAL CARE AT CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

At Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Inc., perpetual care is an important part of our commitment to maintaining sacred grounds with dignity and respect. This care is sometimes referred to as endowed or ongoing care and is often misunderstood. The following provides a clear explanation of what perpetual care includes and what it does not.

What Perpetual Care Includes

Perpetual care supports the overall maintenance, care, and management of our cemeteries so that they remain peaceful, prayerful, and well-kept for generations to come. Services covered under perpetual care include:

- Lawn care and mowing during the growing season
- Snow removal and road treatment during winter months
- Maintenance of cemetery roads, paths, and signage
- Upkeep of buildings and community mausoleums
- Care of shared monument features and grounds
- Accurate record keeping and administrative support
- Minor aesthetic upkeep of markers including raising and edging.

What Perpetual Care Does Not Include

While perpetual care ensures the overall beauty and functionality of the cemetery, families remain responsible for the care of privately owned memorials and items. Perpetual care does not include:

- Maintenance, repair, or replacement of family-owned monuments or markers
- Care of privately planted shrubs, flowers, or decorative items
- Reconstruction of granite, concrete, or other work on individual lots
- Damage caused by circumstances beyond the Association's reasonable control

Family Responsibilities

Families are entrusted with maintaining their memorials in accordance with cemetery guidelines. This shared responsibility helps preserve the dignity and uniform appearance of our sacred grounds.

Cemetery Guidelines

To ensure proper maintenance and safety, Catholic Cemeteries Association reserves the right to remove decorations or plantings that interfere with routine care or do not comply with established guidelines.

We are honored to care for these sacred spaces and to serve families with compassion, respect, and faithful stewardship.

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