

WHY BURIAL IN A

CATHOLIC CEMETERY?

The Code of Canon Law of the Catholic Church defines only two places as being sacred: the Church Building where Jesus resides in the tabernacle, and the Catholic Cemetery which is an expression of faith and extension of the parish community.

Ever since the sacred body of Jesus Christ was reverently laid in a tomb, the Catholic Church has respected the profound goodness and loving mercy derived from the interment of the deceased. The Catholic Church has always taught that burial of the deceased is a Corporal Work of Mercy, seeing it necessary to dedicate solemnly, consecrated ground for this holy purpose. Catholic Cemeteries serve this purpose of burying the faithful departed to bear witness to Christ and to await the resurrection of the body into life everlasting.

The area or land that a Catholic Cemetery rests on is considered "Holy Ground". This land has been blessed by the bishop, and the deceased are interred or entombed in a holy and spiritual environment. Loved ones and family members are encouraged to come and pray for the souls of the deceased, knowing that they too will be together with them, one day, in the presence of Almighty God. Once the deceased is laid to rest, one can have the reassurance and knowledge that their loved one is truly blessed from this sanctifying gift. Being buried in a Catholic Cemetery is truly a Holy Privilege.

In an effort to adhere to these fundamental beliefs of the Catholic Church, St. Edward Church has worked diligently to maintain the dignity and beauty of its cemetery, which also serves the area Catholic Churches.

WHY OWN A "PRE-NEED"

PLOT AT ST. EDWARD CEMETERY?

Many Catholics purchase their plot in advance for estate planning purposes and their family's peace of mind. Today, over half the purchases of burial space made in Catholic Cemeteries are made in advance of death (pre-need). This shows both a sense of thoughtful planning and a sense of economic prudence. The decisions made now will be your own which give you peace of mind now, and your loved ones peace of mind later. A pre-need burial selection may be made today calmly, responsibly, economically and prudently.

Please note that you can sell your plot back at the same price that you paid should you decide to do so, minus a 10% administrative fee.

Our staff is here to assist you locate a suitable plot at a convenient time.

**Please call the
Office for an
appointment –
860-684-2705.**

