

*St. Thomas Cemetery
St. Elizabeth Cemetery
Mission Statement*

St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries are dedicated to the service of the Church by reverently laying to rest those who have died, caring for those who grieve, and providing a sacred place of prayer and reflection for all Christians in our cemeteries. In providing a consecrated place for interment, we treat the deceased with dignity after death. We serve as a symbol of the extended community of the Church - a community unbroken by death, as we celebrate the death and resurrection of the Lord, which offers to us the promise of eternal life. St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemetery holds the similar status of any Church, a place of prayer and respect for all people of good will.

DEFINITIONS

CARE: The general maintenance of the graves and crypts in the Cemeteries insofar as the net income derived from the Perpetual Care Fund will provide the following:

- ❖ The laying of seed, sod, or other suitable ground cover
- ❖ The cutting of the lawn throughout the cemetery at reasonable intervals
- ❖ The trimming or removal of shrubs
- ❖ The trimming or removal of trees
- ❖ Keeping in repair the drains, water lines, roads, buildings, fences, and other structures
- ❖ Keeping the cemetery premises free of trash and debris

CEMETERY: All the property for earth burials, mausoleum interments and/or niche inurnments

CEMETERY AUTHORITIES: Shall mean the Pastor, Parish Director of Cemeteries and the collective findings of the Parish Cemetery Committee.

COLUMBARIUM: A structure, room, or space in a building or structure used or intended to be used for the inurnment of cremated human remains.

CRYPT: A space in a mausoleum or garden crypt of sufficient size to be used to entomb human remains.

EASEMENT: A legal document granting the right of interment, entombment, or inurnment to a lot holder

ENTOMBMENT: Burial above ground in a mausoleum crypt or garden crypt.

GRAVE: A space of ground in a cemetery used, or intended to be used, for the burial of human remains

INTERMENT: Earth burial, entombment, or inurnment.

LOT (PLOT): One or more than one adjoining grave.

LOT HOLDER: Person(s) who have purchased interment, entombment, inurnment rights, or who hold same by right of inheritance or transfer.

MEMORIAL: Includes monument, tombstone, headstone, grave marker, tablet, or inscription on crypt front or fronts, for one or more deceased persons.

NICHE: An above ground burial space, sized for an urn containing cremated remains of the body, which allows identification and remembrance.

ST. THOMAS AND ST. ELIZABETH CEMETERIES

RULES AND REGULATIONS

PURPOSE OF THE CEMETERY

Effective January 1, 2019, the following Rules and Regulations will be in effect for St. Thomas Cemetery and St. Elizabeth Cemetery, owned and operated by St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Corry PA.

St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries are places of faith, designated for the burial of deceased members of the faithful and their loved ones. Our cemeteries are places of honor and respect for those who have died and a memorial to all that are interred there.

Canon Law does not deny non-Catholics burial in a Catholic cemetery. Loved ones of other faiths are permitted to be buried in a Catholic Cemetery.

Although full body burials are preferred by the Catholic Church, cremation is allowed and the cremains may be buried in St. Thomas or St. Elizabeth Catholic Cemetery.

“The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they came. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to the appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition.”

Order of Christian Funerals #417

I. ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERMENTS

Those wishing to make a selection of a lot (plot), or arrange for an interment, are to call the St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parish Office to make such arrangements. If a Funeral Director or other Agent is representing the lot (plot) holder, the arrangements made by the agent with Management are binding on said lot (plot) holder.

When a purchaser buys in the cemetery, they purchase an interment right. They do not buy tangible property rights. We refer to the interment right as a lot or plot, grave, crypt or niche. However, regardless of the size of the lot or plot, grave, crypt or niche, it contains only one interment right per lot or plot, grave, crypt or niche.

With the purchase of an interment right, purchaser agrees to the following rules and regulations.

A. Right of Burial/Lot Sales

- An Easement will be created for each purchase of the right of burial in either cemetery. The Easement will state the purchase price, name of Cemetery, owner of the Cemetery, who the lot is reserved for and/or who may be buried in the lot.
- The Easement granted is for the purpose of human interment and/or memorials and for no other purpose whatsoever.
- If a payment agreement has been created, the Easement will be retained by the Cemetery office until payment in full has been received.
- Dimensions of a full single lot are 4 feet wide by 10 feet long.

- In no case shall a lot holder have any right to sell, transfer, exchange or in any manner dispose of said grave or lot or any use of said grave or lot without the prior written consent of the Cemetery Authorities.
- Transfer of interment rights will be permitted only with written consent of Cemetery Authorities. Applicable fees apply. The original Easement must be presented with a signed statement from the original owner naming who the transfer is to be made to. If the interment right is being sold, as per Pennsylvania Cemetery Law, seller cannot sell the lot for more than the original purchase price.
- It is the responsibility of the Lot Holder to notify the Cemetery Authorities of any change of address. Any notice sent to the address on record at the cemetery office shall be considered sufficient and proper legal notification.
- One full body burial per full size lot will be allowed, with the exception of the burial of children or infants in small burial containers. Interment rights must be purchased for each burial.
- All caskets must be encased inside a vault (an outer burial container).
- Cremains must be in a cave-proof, non-biodegradable container (urn and/or vault).
- The vault must be buried at a depth which allows for a minimum of 18 inches of dirt on top of the vault.
- All grave openings for burials will be done by cemetery personnel or persons contracted by the cemetery.
- One cremains or infant burial may be buried on a lot where a full body burial exists if the depth of the existing vault allows 18 inches of dirt to be placed on top of the burial urn or vault. Charges for interment or inurnment will apply. Interment rights must be purchased for each burial.
- On full size lots with only cremains or infant burials, a maximum of two urns/vaults or one double urn/vault may be buried. Two infant burials will be permitted on a full size lot if size permits. Charges for interment or inurnment will apply. Interment rights must be purchased for each burial.
- Permission of the lot owner, or the entire immediate family if lot owner is deceased, must be given for cremains or infant remains to be buried on a lot with a pre-existing burial or a lot owned by someone other than the deceased that is to be buried.
- Family members and/or funeral directors are prohibited from placing the cremated remains of a second person in the casket or in the grave/crypt space without cemetery authorization and payment of an additional right of inurnment or additional burial recording fee.

No organizations, except those approved by the Parish Administrator or Pastor, will be permitted to conduct services in either cemetery.

The Cemetery Authorities shall not be liable for any error occurring from the want of proper instructions as to the particular grave location where interment is to be made if interment is made without the Cemetery Authorities' involvement in the layout of the grave. The Authorities reserve the right to make an equitable charge whenever additional labor costs result from such errors.

The Cemetery Authorities shall be in no way liable for any delay in the interment of a body where a protest to the interment has been made, or where the rules and regulations have not been complied with, or where said rules and regulations shall forbid such interment; and further, said Authorities

reserve the right, under such circumstances, to place the body in a receiving vault until full rights have been determined. Any protest may be required to be in writing and filed in the Parish Cemetery Office.

All funerals conducted in St. Thomas or St. Elizabeth Cemetery shall be under the direction of and/or with the permission of said cemeteries. A burial permit for each funeral as required by the local government authority must be presented to the Cemetery Authorities before interment is completed.

The casket may not be opened at any time within the cemetery, nor may the body be touched even for a good and worthy reason without the expressed permission and in the presence of the Cemetery Authorities. Such permission will not be granted unless the person who has the authority has also granted consent or a court order has been entered requiring that the casket be opened.

II. DISINTERMENTS

All grave interments shall be made in a cemetery approved outer burial container. No disinterment or removal shall be allowed except for a good reason. All disinterments will require the permission of:

1. The Cemetery Authorities
2. The written authorization of the grave, crypt or lot holder(s).
3. The nearest of kin and the blood heir(s) of the deceased.

All documents for disinterments will be executed according to proper legal procedures. The Cemetery Authorities shall exercise due care in making a disinterment and removal, but shall assume no liability for the damage to any casket or outer container incurred in making the disinterment and removal.

The hour and manner in which disinterments and removals are performed shall be at the sole discretion of the Cemetery Authorities. Families are notified upon completion of the services.

Besides being subject to the rules and regulations of the cemetery, all interments, disinterments and removals shall be subject to the orders and laws of the properly constituted city, county, state and federal authorities including the Regulations of the Department of Health.

Only persons employed by or contracted by St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries shall be used in making interments, or removals, unless the Cemetery Authorities make other arrangements.

III. CORRECTION OF ERRORS

The Cemetery Authorities reserve, and shall have, the right to correct any errors that may be made by it either in making interments, disinterments or removals, or in the description, transfer, or conveyance of any rights or lots(plots), either by cancelling such conveyance and substituting and conveying in lieu thereof other interment rights of equal value and similar location as far as possible, as may be selected by the Cemetery Authorities, or in the sole discretion of the Cemetery Authorities, by refunding money paid on account of said purchase. In the event any such error shall involve the interment of the remains of any person in any lot (plot), the Cemetery Authorities reserve, and shall have, the right to remove and reinter the remains in such other lot (plot) of equal value and similar location as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof.

IV. INSTRUCTIONS TO LOT HOLDER AND LOT HOLDERS' RIGHTS

Persons arranging interments should visit the Cemetery Office where the Cemetery personnel will help them make the burial arrangements.

If an additional interment right is wanted or needed for the same burial space, and conditions permit, the original purchaser must be the one who makes that purchase. If the purchaser is deceased, the entire immediate family must sign an agreement allowing an additional burial on the lot, with additional charges.

In the event of death of the lot holder, any and all privileges of the lot holder shall pass to the lot holder's family in the following manner:

1. The spouse of the owner of any lot containing more than one interment space has the vested right of interment of his/her remains in the lot.
2. If the lot holder shall have filed written instructions at the Cemetery Office as to which member or members of his/her family shall succeed to the rights of said lot, said instructions will be recognized by the Cemetery Authorities, and will be followed if in the judgement of the Cemetery Authorities, such instructions are definite, reasonable, and practical, subject, however, to a vested right of interment of the surviving spouse.
3. If no valid or sufficient written instructions have been filed, or if valid and sufficient instructions are in conflict with a later will, and the lot holder has left instructions in said will, duly admitted to probate in a court having jurisdiction thereof, (subject, however, to a vested right of interment of a surviving spouse), such instructions shall control, provided that they are not in conflict with the Cemetery Rules and Regulations and provided the Cemetery is furnished with proof of the same.
4. In the absence of valid and sufficient instructions filed by the lot holder or a duly probated will, the rights of interment shall devolve upon those entitled to succeed thereto under the intestate laws of the State of Pennsylvania.
5. In a conveyance to two or more persons as joint tenants, each tenant has a vested right of interment in the lot conveyed. Upon the death of a joint tenant, the title to the lot held in joint tenancy immediately vests in the surviving joint tenant or tenants, subject to the vested right of interment of the remains of the deceased joint tenant and the surviving spouse of the deceased joint tenant. An affidavit by a person having knowledge of the facts setting forth the fact of the death of the owner and the name of the person or persons entitled to the use of the lot is complete authorization to the Cemetery Authorities to permit the use of the unoccupied portion of the lot by the person entitled to the use of it.

V. RIGHT TO REPLAT

The following rights and privileges are hereby expressly reserved to the Cemetery Authorities to be exercised at any time or from time to time for the erection of buildings, or for any purpose of use connected with, incident to, or convenient for, the care of, preservation of, or preparation for, disposal of, or interment of, human dead bodies, or other cemetery purpose:

1. To re-survey, enlarge, diminish, replat, alter in shape or size or otherwise to change all or any part or portion of the cemetery.
2. To lay out, establish, close, eliminate, or otherwise modify or change, the location of roads, walks, or drives, provided ingress and egress to and from any lot (plot) is preserved or is allocated to the lot (plot) owner.

The following rights and privileges are hereby expressly reserved to the Cemetery Authorities to be exercised at any time or from time to time:

1. Easements and rights of way over and through all of the premises of the cemetery for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating pipe lines, conduits of drains for sprinklers, drainage, electric, or communication lines, or for any other cemetery purpose.

VI. NO EASEMENT GRANTED

No easement or right of interment is granted to any lot holder in any road, drive, alleyways or walk may be used as a means of access to the cemetery and its buildings as long as the Cemetery Authorities devote such road, drive, alleyways or walks to that purpose.

VII. USE OF CEMETERY(IES)

Visitors: Visitors within either cemetery shall use only the avenues, roads and walks, unless it is necessary to walk on the grass to gain access to visit a grave. The Cemetery Authorities expressly disclaim liability for any injuries sustained by anyone in violation of this rule.

Strangers: Strangers are not permitted to sit or lounge on any of the grounds, graves or monuments in any cemetery, or in any of the buildings.

Trespassers: Only the lot holder and his/her relatives or friends shall be permitted on a lot in any cemetery. Any other person thereon shall be considered a trespasser, and the Cemetery Authorities shall owe no duty to said trespasser to keep the property, or the memorial thereon, in a reasonable safe condition.

Hunting: Hunting is forbidden on cemetery property.

Animals: Domestic animals are not allowed within either of our Catholic Cemeteries.

Lawns: Lawns shall not be disturbed for any purpose except under the supervision of the Cemetery Authorities.

Ornaments and Flower Vases: The right is reserved to regulate the method of decorations of lots so that uniform beauty may be maintained. The following apply to all lot owners:

- No in-ground planting will be allowed without prior approval by the Cemetery Authorities.
- No artificial flowers will be allowed unless contained in a fixed vase or wreath.
- Planters, vases and shepherd's hooks must be placed to the side of and against the memorial monument.
- No fencing or curbing is allowed on plot
- Ongoing care of all flowers and decorations on a family member's grave is the responsibility of the plot-holding family. Please keep in mind that animals may destroy any potted flowers in the cemetery and the cemetery will not be held liable for flowers or plants eaten or destroyed by animals.
- Absolutely no stones, bark chips or glass may be used for landscaping or decorating cemetery lots. The cemetery reserves the right to remove materials deemed inappropriate or dangerous from any lot.

- Urns, vases and any decorations placed during the summer months must be removed by November 2. Holiday wreaths and flowers must be removed from the grave within 30 days of the holiday, weather permitting. If weather does not allow removal of wreaths or flowers, they must be removed as soon as possible.
- The cemetery has the right to “return to original condition” any changes made by plot owner that does not comply with these regulations or which, in the opinion of the cemetery personnel, detracts from the appearance of the cemetery or creates a hazard to staff or visitors.
- Funeral flowers will be left at the final burial spot for up to five days after the final committal; after which time they will be removed by the funeral home or cemetery staff.

Motor Vehicles: Automobiles, funeral cars and trucks must be kept under control at all times, and must observe posted speed limits.

VIII. CONDUCT IN THE CEMETERY

Catholic Cemeteries are holy places. These sacred grounds are blessed by the Church and dedicated as a place of prayer and dignity for our faithful departed. Please maintain a quiet reverence and respect for the other people visiting the resting sites of loved ones.

Please abide by the following;

- No domestic animals allowed on Cemetery property
- No alcoholic beverages
- No unlicensed vehicles
- No loud music
- No skateboarding

Rubbish: Please throw rubbish in proper receptacles. Separate receptacles are available for plant waste and garbage.

Peddling or Soliciting: No peddling or soliciting of any commodity whatsoever within any cemetery by anyone other than the Cemetery Authorities.

Signs and Advertising: No signs, notices or advertising is permitted within any cemetery except those placed by Cemetery Authorities.

IX. GRADING AND IMPROVEMENTS

The Cemetery Authorities reserve the exclusive right to do all grading, landscape work improvements of any kind, and all care of lots; likewise to plant, trim, cut or remove all trees, shrubs and herbage within either of the cemeteries.

All improvements or alterations of lots in any cemetery shall be under the direction of, and subject to the approval of the Cemetery Authorities; and should they be made without the Authorities consent, said Authorities reserve the right to remove, alter, or change such improvements or alterations at the expense of the lot owner.

The Cemetery Authorities reserve the right to use legally approved chemical applications to beautify the cemetery properties.

X. CEMETERY HOURS

The Cemetery Authorities shall have the right to fix the opening and closing hours of each cemetery, cemetery office and all buildings. St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries are open from dawn to dusk; visitors are not permitted after dark or before sunrise.

XI. OUTSIDE WORKERS

The Cemetery Authorities reserve, and shall have, the right to give authorization to any workmen, other than employees of the cemetery, before they may do work in any cemetery. Lot holders may have certain work done in accordance with these Rules and Regulations at their own expense with consent of the Cemetery Authorities, prices to be agreed upon and paid before said work is done.

XII. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS

Contractors hired to do work at either St. Thomas Cemetery or St. Elizabeth Cemetery must provide a "Certificate of Insurance" from their own insurance carrier. The Certificate is to name the following as insureds:

- *The Bishop of the Diocese of Erie, Pennsylvania*
- *The Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, Pennsylvania*
- *St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Corry, Pennsylvania*
- *St. Thomas Cemetery, Corry, Pennsylvania*
- *St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Corry, Pennsylvania*

Please note that a Certificate of Insurance must be a separate document issued to the individual or company by their insurance company or broker specifically for the job that they have been hired to complete at either cemetery. **The Certificate must carry the minimum amount of general liability coverage of \$1,000,000.00 (ONE MILLION DOLLARS).**

Contractors are required to carry Workers Compensation Insurance on all employees engaged in work at St. Thomas or St. Elizabeth Cemetery. Proof of insurance must be provided on request.

XIII. EMPLOYEES

Employees of the Cemetery are not permitted to do any work for lot owners except upon the order of the Cemetery Authorities, but are required to be civil and courteous to all visitors.

The Cemetery Authorities shall have the right to maintain guards if in its discretion it deems it necessary, but is under no legal obligation to do so.

XIV. LOSS OR DAMAGE

The Cemetery Authorities disclaim all responsibility for loss or damage beyond its reasonable control, and especially from damage by an act of God, the elements, earthquakes, war, common enemy, air

raids, invasions, insurrections, riots, order of any military or civil authority, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, or any cause similar or dissimilar beyond the control of the Authorities, whether the damage be direct or collateral. In the event it becomes necessary to reconstruct or repair any section of a lot, including graves or crypts, or any portion or portions thereof in any cemetery, which has been damaged by such causes, the Cemetery Authorities shall give a 10-day written notice of the necessity for such repair to the lot holder of record. The notice shall be given by depositing the same in the United States mail, with postage thereon duly prepaid, addressed to the lot holder of record, at his or her address stated on the books of the Cemetery Authorities. In the event the lot holder fails to repair the damage within a reasonable time, the Authorities may direct that the repairs be made and charge the expense against the lot and to the lot holder of record.

XV. PERPETUAL CARE

St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries, operated by St. Thomas the Apostle Church, a non-profit religious organization, are "Perpetual Care" cemeteries. 15% of the sale of all lots (plots) are invested into a Perpetual Care Fund; the proceeds thereof are used to provide general care of the cemeteries. "Perpetual Care" is to be understood as that care and maintenance necessitated by natural growth and ordinary wear, and includes cutting of lawns, and the cleaning and maintenance of roadways, walks and buildings, provided there are sufficient funds for these purposes.

The term "Perpetual Care" shall in no case mean the maintenance, repair or replacement of any memorial placed or erected upon any lot; nor the planting, cutting, watering or care of any privately planted tree or shrub; nor the planting of flowers or ornamental plants; nor the doing of any special or unusual work in any cemetery; nor does it mean the reconstruction of any granite, bronze or concrete work on any section of the lot, or any portion or portions thereof in any cemetery, injured or damaged by any cause, direct or indirect, beyond the Management's reasonable control.

XVI. MEMORIALS AND RULES FOR MEMORIAL WORK

Memorial dealers shall abide by all the rules and regulations of the Cemetery.

At the time of burial, if there is not a stone or permanent marker on the grave, a deposit will be charged. The deposit will be returned at the time that the memorial stone or permanent marker is placed. If a permanent marker or memorial stone is not placed within 24 months, the deposit will be used by the cemetery to place a permanent marker.

The Cemetery Authorities reserve the right at all times to approve and prescribe the kind, size, design, symbolism, craftsmanship, quality and material of memorials, inscriptions, monuments, or marker placed or to be placed in any cemetery. All memorials are subject to the approval of the Cemetery Authorities prior to the placement, and acceptance or rejection shall be based upon such approval.

On the base of each marker, in the bottom right hand corner on the back of the marker, there is to be engraved the 'address' of the plot (section, row and lot number) where the marker will be placed.

The Cemetery Authorities also reserve the right to issue under separate cover detailed regulations and instructions pertaining to the kind, size design, symbolism, craftsmanship, quality and material of memorials, inscriptions, monuments, or markers to be placed in any cemetery. Said detailed regulations and instructions, and all amendments thereto, are hereby made a part of these rules and regulations.

The Cemetery Authorities reserve the right to fix the days and hours when any memorial may be delivered to either cemetery.

All memorial work, or placement or removal of any memorial, shall be on the written order of the lot holder and approval of the Cemetery Authorities.

A detailed plan and design of all memorials must be submitted to the Cemetery Authorities for the approval on the form furnished before a permit will be issued. If the memorial does not conform to the approved plan and design, it will be the sole responsibility of the dealer to correct any errors or deficiencies in workmanship and material.

The location and position in which a memorial is to be placed or erected on a lot shall be entirely subject to the approval, and shall be under the supervision of the Cemetery Authorities.

Independent monument dealers or contractors who build memorial foundations are required to comply with specifications and directions established by the Cemetery Authorities.

Non-cemetery employees, in placing or erecting monuments and other structures, or bringing in materials in regard to such work, shall operate as independent contractors, but such work must conform with the regulations made by the Cemetery Authorities.

Foundations for any stone, monument or mausoleum must meet cemetery guidelines. Any foundation placed by someone other than a cemetery approved contractor or cemetery staff will be overseen by a cemetery staff person or approved contractor with a charge for oversight and inspection of foundation.

- Stone markers that are flush to the ground do not require a cement foundation.
- Bronze markers that are flush to the ground require a cement foundation.
- Flush markers must be placed at the same slope as the surrounding ground so that all edges of the installed marker are flush with grade. This allows the mower to pass over the marker without damage.
- Cement foundations for markers must meet or exceed the cemetery's published specifications. Specifications are as follows:
 - Width: The concrete foundation should be as wide as the base of the marker on all four sides.
 - Depth of the concrete for an above ground stone should be as deep as the stone is tall; but in no case less than 30 inches deep.
 - The hole which the concrete is poured into should be squared off at the bottom and tamped firm (no loose fill).
 - A goal for the foundations is to have no exposed, visible concrete. We do this for appearance and because, in time, exposed concrete will deteriorate.

- On a foundation installation on ground which slopes – the top of the foundation should be level. The top surface of the concrete on the down-hill side should be at the same elevation as finished grade at the lowest point. Finished grade will run up the marker from there. This may require markers on a steep slope to have a stone base.
- Above ground markers should be made of granite. If an above ground marker is made of anything softer than granite, the cemetery cannot be held responsible if broken by cemetery personnel.
- Memorial stones and markers are the property of the plot holder. Repair for damages beyond the cemetery's control is the responsibility of the plot holder. In the case that the plot holder is deceased and no family member is able to make repairs, the cemetery reserves the right to make repairs to or remove stones or markers that are deemed unsafe or detract from the overall appearance of the cemetery.
- Temporary markers cannot be used as a permanent marker for a grave. Temporary markers will be removed and replaced with a permanent marker after 24 months at the cost of the grave owner or their family.

Non-cemetery workers, in placing or erecting monuments, building foundations and other structures, are prohibited from scattering their material over adjoining lots, or from blocking roads or walks, or from leaving their material on the grounds longer than is absolutely necessary, or from attaching ropes to trees or shrubs. When any heavy material is to be moved over lawns, planks must be laid to prevent injury and/or damage to turf and memorials.

Damage done to lots, walks, drives, trees, shrubs, or other property by non-cemetery workers, dealers, or contractors, or their agents may be repaired by the Cemetery Authorities; the cost of such repairs shall be charged to the dealer or contractor, or his/her principal.

The Cemetery Authorities reserve the right to stop all work of any nature when, in its opinion, any of the following occur:

- proper preparations therefore have not been made
- work is being done in such a manner as to endanger life or property
- work is not being executed according to specifications
- any reasonable request on the part of the Cemetery Authorities is disregarded
- any person employed on the work violates any rule of the Authorities

While the Cemetery Authorities will exercise all possible care to protect raised lettering, carving, or ornaments on any memorial, or other structure, on any lots, it disclaims any responsibility whatsoever for damage or injury thereto.

The Cemetery Authorities reserve and shall have, the right to correct any error that may be made by its employees or by any other person or persons in the location or placing of a memorial in either cemetery and without liability of any kind whatsoever to the Cemetery Authorities.

Should any memorial, mausoleum, or tomb become unsightly, dilapidated, or a menace to the safety of persons within the cemetery, the Cemetery Authorities shall have the right, after 30 days' notice to the lot holder of record, whether to correct the condition or to remove the same, in either case at the expense of the lot holder.

Soliciting memorial sales or memorial work within either cemetery is prohibited.

XVII. PRIVATE MAUSOLEA AND TOMBS

Mausolea or tombs, either wholly or partially above ground, shall be constructed only in plots designated for them. Plans, specifications, material and location in the lot of such mausoleum or tomb shall be subject to the approval of the Cemetery Authorities. The Cemetery Authorities reserve the right to require that an endowment for future maintenance of mausolea or tomb be deposited with it, said endowment to be of a size specified by the Cemetery Authorities.

When an interment is made in a private mausoleum, the crypt shall be properly sealed, subject to the approval of the Cemetery Authorities. The entombment must be made in an approved casket which complies with the regulations of the controlling Department of Health.

No walkways, patios, or other appurtenant structure will be permitted on the ground surrounding a mausoleum. No additions or changes will be allowed after the specifications and foundations planned for the mausoleum have been submitted and approved.

XVIII. USE OF CHAPEL

The use of the Chapel for final religious services of the deceased is available at no additional charge. Arrangement must be made with the Cemetery Office at least 48 hours before the date and time of service.

XIX. IN GENERAL

The statement of any employee of the cemetery shall not be binding upon the Cemetery Authorities, except as such statement coincides with the document conveying the right of interment, and with these rules and regulations.

The rules and regulations shall apply to any mausoleum now in existence or which may hereafter be erected in any cemetery.

The cemetery, through its Cemetery Authorities reserve the right, without notice, to make temporary exceptions, suspensions, or modifications of any of these rules and regulations, when, in its judgment, the same appears advisable, and such temporary exception, suspension, or modification shall in any way be considered as affecting the general application of such rules and regulations.

In all matters not specifically covered by these rules and regulations, the Cemetery Authorities reserve the right to do anything, which in their judgment is deemed reasonable in the premises, and such determination shall be binding upon the lot holder and all parties concerned.

The cemetery and the Cemetery Authorities reserve the right at any time and from time to time to change, amend, alter, repeal, rescind or add to these rules and regulations or any part thereof, or to adopt any new rule or regulation with respect to its cemeteries or anything pertaining thereto, all without prior notice thereto.

The above Rules and Regulations were approved by The Authorities of St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, in Corry Pennsylvania, Diocese of Erie, Pennsylvania.

I, _____, as an owner of a right of interment in the St. Thomas Cemetery or St. Elizabeth Cemetery, agree to and shall abide by these rules and regulations.

SIGNATURE OF LOT OWNER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF CEMETERY REPRESENTATIVE

DATE