



WHY THERE ARE CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules, Rules, Rules! Why are there so many rules and regulations at the cemetery? The easy answer to that question is that the cemetery must be responsive to the Board of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Occupational Safety Administration. Also, it must provide for the safety of both workers and visitors. Imagine the personal damage that can be caused by a worker's grass trimmer accidentally hitting a glass vigil light or candle holder because someone thought: "it's only a little candle, it won't bother anybody".

Maintenance is another reason for rules. Catholic Cemeteries are the most beautifully maintained cemeteries. Planting and decoration regulations go a long way in helping us to keep our appearance. Stonework regulations help us to provide a flexible uniformity in appearance, as well as, a Catholic theology in our design and epitaphs. We do not want to be just any other cemetery. We want to be a Catholic cemetery. It is an expression of our faith and our sense of belonging to a Catholic community that has brought us to a Catholic cemetery in the first place. And that is what the rules are really all about: being part of a community, a Catholic community

awaiting the fullness of sharing in the Resurrection of Christ.

Community means we take into consideration everyone else. It means we cannot always have it our own way. It means we are part of something bigger than our own desires or ourselves. Even in death we belong to that community of Christians that ask us to be considerate of everyone else.

Rules and regulations help us to do just that. They help us to be on our worst days what we want to be on our best days. All good rules, all good laws are meant to serve and never to oppress or hurt anyone. We ask everyone to help the community of Catholic Cemeteries by following the cemetery regulations.

We want to always provide a place of faith, hope, and comfort for all of our families because that is what Christ calls us to do. As we await the fulfillment of His promise, let us do it together as family, as community, as Church.... always ready and willing to serve one another. Let others point to us and say: "See these Christians, see how they love one another".