



St. Mary of Czestochowa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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BY LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ST. MARY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The St. Mary Cemetery Association shall be referred to as **“The Cemetery Association”** in this document.

For the mutual protection and benefit of grave owners, the following rules and regulations have been adopted by The Cemetery Association, located in Wright County, Minnesota. All grave owners and visitors within the cemetery and all graves sold shall be subject to said rules and regulations, and subject as well to any other rules and regulations amendments and alterations adopted by Management. **“Grave”** shall be used and shall apply to one grave. The term **“Interment”** shall mean the permanent disposition of the remains of a deceased person by burial. The term **“Inurnment”** shall mean the permanent disposition of the cremated remains of a deceased person by burial. **“Memorial”** shall include a monument or marker (a monument is above ground and placed at the head of the grave, a marker is level with the ground and placed at the foot of the grave).

“Management” shall comprise of persons on the The Cemetery Association and duly appointed by the Pastor. The Cemetery is owned and operated in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota and the rules and disciplines of the Roman Catholic Church. It reserves the right to refuse admission to the Cemetery and the use of any of the Cemetery’s facilities at any time to any person or persons whom Management deems objectionable to the best interests of the Cemetery.

Article I Burial Criteria

The Cemetery is intended for the burial of Catholics and members of their families who are entitled to Christian burial according to the rules and disciplines of the Roman Catholic Church. Any question of burial of a non-Catholic member of a grave owner’s family or of a person not entitled to a Christian burial shall be decided by the Pastor.

Religious ceremonies other than those of the Roman Catholic Church are not permitted in the Cemetery unless the consent of the Pastor has been obtained.

Before any grave is opened permission must be obtained from the Pastor or Management.

Permission for burial must be obtained from the current legal grave owner.

Article II

Costs

The cost of each grave for parishioner shall be \$450.00. The cost of each grave for a non-parishioner shall be \$900.00. For openings and closings of graves, these will be added on by the funeral home.

Article III

Number of Burials for Graves

Each grave is intended for the interment of one human body. Permission for more than one burial in said grave, either cremated or babies, must be obtained from the Pastor or Management.

No more than three burials, either cremations or conventional, or a combination thereof, will be allowed in each grave.

Article IV

Cremations

The top of each urn or container of cremated remains must be at least 12 inches below the surface of the ground. The top of any casket, vault or container of a human body must be at least 24 inches below the surface of the ground.

No grave shall be used for any other purpose than for the burial of the human dead.

No interment of a body may be made unless the remains are contained in a casket and cement vault.

The inurnment of a set of cremated remains must be contained in a suitable container.

The person bringing the cremated remains to the cemetery must give the certificate of cremation to Management or the Pastor.

Article V

Grave Numbering

Graves will be sold from north to south in consecutive order in the Section X.

Article VI

Monuments

All new monuments shall be constructed of natural stone. No artificial stone of any kind will be permitted.

The monument shall rest on a concrete foundation. The foundation shall extend a minimum 4 inches beyond the perimeter of the base. Monuments are not to exceed three feet in height. If a flat marker is used, in addition to a headstone monument, it must be placed only on settled earth and directly above the foot end of the vault. A flat marker may not extend more than ½ inch above its foundation.

Foundations may not extend onto the grave of another.

The Cemetery Association disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage beyond its reasonable control. Should any marker or monument become damaged or a menace to the safety of persons within the cemetery, the Cemetery Association shall have the right to either correct the condition or remove the same.

Article VII
Cemetery Association Rights

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

1. To survey, enlarge, diminish, re-plat, alter in shape or size or otherwise to change all or any 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 grave is preserved and allocated to the grave owner.

Article VIII
Cemetery Clean-up

The Cemetery Association will conduct a yearly cemetery clean up in early May. Any non-permanent ornaments, vases, frames, etc. must be removed by April 1 of each year or will be discarded.

Article IX
Improvements

Grading and Improvements: all grading, landscape work and improvements of any kind and all care of graves shall be done and all trees, shrubs and herbage of any kind shall be planted, trimmed, cut or removed by direction of the Cemetery Association.

All improvements or alterations of graves in the cemetery shall be under the direction and subject to the approval of The Cemetery Association and they should be made with written consent. The Cemetery Association reserves the right to remove, alter or change such improvements or alterations at the expense of the grave owner.

Article X
Outside Workers

No workmen other than the employees of The Cemetery Association will be permitted to work in the cemetery unless authorized by The Cemetery Association.

The Cemetery Association reserves the right to stop all work of any nature whenever if it determines the work is not deemed to be in the best interest of the cemetery.

All outside workers or vendors are required to have a current certificate of insurance prior to the beginning of any work.

Article XI
Association's Responsibilities

The Cemetery Association disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, especially from damage by an act of God, the elements, thieves, vandals, malicious behavior, explosions, unavoidable accidents or any cause, beyond the control of The Cemetery Association. In the event it becomes necessary to reconstruct or repair any grave in the cemetery which had been damaged by such causes, The Cemetery Association shall give a written notice of the necessity for such repair to the grave holder of record. In the event the grave holder fails to repair the damage within a reasonable time, The Cemetery Association may direct that the repairs be made and charge the expense against the grave and to the grave holder of record.

Article XII
Care

Care is understood as care and maintenance of graves necessitated by natural growth and ordinary wear and includes cleaning, planting, cutting, care of lawns, trees and shrubs and the maintenance of roadways and walks, provided there are sufficient funds for that purpose.

Article XIII
Memorials and Rules for Memorial work

Memorial dealers shall abide by all the rules and regulations of The Cemetery Association. The Cemetery Association reserves the right to approve and prescribe the kind, size, design, symbolism, craftsmanship, quality and materials of memorials, inscriptions, monuments or markers to be placed in the cemetery. The Cemetery Association also reserves the right to amend such regulations and instructions as deemed necessary.

The Cemetery Association reserves the right to set charges for memorial foundation, memorial permits, placements or removals and the right to demand that charges be paid before the work is done.

The location and position of the memorial's placement shall be subject to approval and under the supervision of Management.

No monuments extending above the surface of the ground shall be erected on graves not specifically approved for such monument privilege.

While The Cemetery Association will exercise all possible care to protect raised lettering, carving or ornaments on any memorial or other structure, it disclaims responsibility for any damage thereto.

Should any memorial or marker become unsightly, dilapidated or a menace to the safety of persons within the cemetery, The Cemetery Association shall have the right to correct the condition or remove the same, in either case at the expense of the grave owner.

No memorials shall be placed or erected unless the grounds are thoroughly settled and in good condition.

No memorials may be delivered or installed between November 1st and April 15th without permission from Management.

Article XIV
Cemetery Association's Rights

The Cemetery Association reserves the right, without notice, to make temporary exceptions, suspensions or modifications of these rules and regulations when, in its judgment, the same appear advisable, and such temporary exceptions, suspensions, or modifications shall in no way be considered as affecting the general application of such rule.

In all matters not specifically covered by these rules and regulations, The Cemetery Association reserves the right to do anything which, in its' judgment, is deemed reasonable on the premises and such determination shall be binding upon the grave owner and all parties concerned.

The Cemetery Association reserves the right, at any time, to change, amend, alter, repeal, rescind or add to these rules and regulations or to adopt any new rule or regulation with respect to said cemetery or anything pertaining thereto.

Adopted: _____, 2024

Pastor _____

Members: _____

