

# MAUSOLEUM DECORATION POLICY

To better serve the families and friends of the Diocese of Toledo Catholic Cemeteries, we have simplified and reformatted our Mausoleum Decoration Policy. We hope you find this format more user friendly and simpler to understand.

Your cooperation in maintaining the beauty and serenity of our grounds for all who visit is greatly appreciated. Because an over-abundance of temporary decorations may not always add to the beauty of a grave, niche, crypt, mausoleum, or cemetery, we ask for your discretion when decorating. The Diocese of Toledo and Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services (CFCS) are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged decorations. Please immediately report any instances of unsatisfactory appearance, violations of our policy, or inappropriate behavior so that we may remedy them.

## VISITING HOURS

The mausoleum may be visited during normal cemetery hours 8:00AM to sunset. The Lumen Christi Mausoleum and Chapel are open for visitation to family members with magnetic passkeys only. Additional passkeys are available to other family members with written authorization from the owner for \$10.00 per passkey. Passkeys are available from the Resurrection Office during normal business hours.

## DECORATIONS - ALL INTERIOR & EXTERIOR MAUSOLEUM CRYPTS AND NICHE FRONTS

1. Fresh cut flowers and live plants are not allowed, except for funeral flowers. Funeral flowers will be removed by our staff three days after the funeral. Artificial flowers are allowed year-round in approved cemetery vases. Due to the risk of personal injury, authorized cemetery personnel must handle the placement of all flowers above eye level.
2. Please take care that your flower arrangements do not infringe on adjacent spaces.
3. Unsightly or faded artificial arrangements will be removed and disposed of during Spring Cleanup (March 1st) and Fall Cleanup (October 1st).
4. Please do not place vases or decorations on the floor. Any vases or decorations left on the floor will be removed and disposed by cemetery personnel.
5. No temporary decorations are permitted on crypt or niche fronts and will be removed. Examples include, but are not limited to, pictures, stickers, engravings.

6. For the safety of visitors and maintenance staff, breakable, hazardous, or other items that interfere with cleaning or maintenance will be removed immediately. Examples include, but are not limited to, glassware, ceramics, votive candles or lights, toys, statuary, crockery, pinwheels, balloons, wreath.
7. The cemetery reserves the right to remove any and all decorations that do not comply with this policy. The cemetery cannot be held liable for disposal of non-compliant decorations that are removed by cemetery personnel. The cemetery reserves the right to remove any decorations that are deemed offensive or inconsistent with the dignity of the cemetery. This policy supersedes all other policies issued by the Diocese of Toledo Catholic Cemeteries and is being implemented effective January 1, 2020.

## APPROVED CEMETERY VASES

1. Only bronze crypt or niche front vases are recognized as approved cemetery containers. They are designed to hold artificial flowers arrangements and are located so flower arrangements will not interfere with adjacent crypt or niche fronts.

## CRYPT AND NICHE FRONT MEMORIALIZATION

1. Bronze plaques are the only approved method of memorialization. Plaques will include the family name, given name, as well as the years of birth and death. Cemetery approved emblems are the only other item permitted on bronze plaques. These specially designed plaques, emblems, and vases can only be purchased through the cemetery and must be installed by cemetery personnel. Handmade and commercial hangers are not allowed on the crypt or niche fronts. Taping or sticking any item on, or between, crypt or niche fronts is similarly prohibited.

## HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

1. Holiday-themed tributes may be placed on the floor one week prior to the holiday and will be removed one week following the holiday\*. All cemetery-defined holidays are Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Veteran's Day, and Christmas. If you wish to keep your tribute, please remove all items within the allotted time frame. All remaining tributes will be removed and disposed of.\*
2. If you are unsure or would like more information concerning holiday decorations, your best option is to reach out to the office directly.

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If you have any questions about whether your decorations are permitted, please inquire at the cemetery office prior to placement.

\* Dates are weather dependent.



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## **Calvary Cemetery**

2224 Dorr Street | Toledo, OH 43607  
(419) 536-3751

## **Resurrection Cemetery**

5725 Hill Avenue | Toledo, OH 43615  
(419) 531-5747

## **Mt. Carmel Cemetery**

15 East Manhattan Boulevard | Toledo, OH 43608  
(419) 531-5747

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