Decoration Regulations

1. Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery and certain sections of St. Agnes and St. Mary's, Troy Cemeteries allow only fresh cut flowers in approved cemetery vases except during the Christmas season. Christmas decorations will be removed and discarded beginning January 15.

2. General Regulations:

Monument Lots

- A. A maximum of 2 bouquets of flowers in approved vases may be placed on any lot. Fresh cut flowers are encouraged.
- **B**. One artificial floral piece attached to a freestanding wire easel 30"-36" may be placed on a lot from May 1 to one week after Father's Day.
- C. Potted plants are allowed on a monument base, but not in or on the ground, from May 1 to one week after Father's Day.
- D. One standard floral saddle may be placed on a monument.
- **E**. Two non-ferrous, composite vases, Metalcraft[™] or equivalent, of an appropriate size, may be placed on a monument base in a non-permanent manner. Approved method of installation is either strap between die and base or two-sided tape.
- F. An American flag may be placed on a grave for Memorial Day. Flags will be removed shortly after Memorial Day.
- **G**. Christmas floral pieces on a wire easel 30"-36" high, Christmas decorations in an approved vase, and evergreen blankets may be placed on graves from November 15 to January 15.

Shrine Graves

- A. A maximum of two bouquets of flowers in approved vases may be placed on a grave. Fresh cut flowers are encouraged.
- B. An American flag may be placed on a grave for Memorial Day. Flags will be removed shortly after Memorial Day.
- C. Christmas floral pieces on a wire easel 30"-36" high, Christmas decorations in approved vase, and evergreen blankets may be placed on graves from November 15 to January 15.

Mausoleums

- A. Fresh cut flowers in an approved vase (Green coneshaped, either tin or plastic.) placed at edge of sidewalk.
- B. Granite urns at St. Anthony's Cemetery may be filled with artificial or fresh cut flowers.

Any article placed in the cemetery in violation of these rules and regulations will be removed and discarded without notice. Common violations include, but are not limited to: urns and flowerboxes, cornerposts. Wooden or plastic crosses, plantings of any kind, statues, figurines, toys or stuffed animals, crushed stone or wood chips, fraternal symbols, flags and flagholders, trellises, shepherd hooks, and glass.

Please return bronze vases to the flush inverted position when not in use. For safety concerns, bronze vases should be in the flush inverted position from November 15 until March 21.

General Cleanup

- 1. A general cleanup will be conducted in the Cemetery twice a year, beginning on or about April 1 and November 1. All decorations will be removed and discarded at these times. All Christmas decorations will be removed and discarded beginning January 15, time & weather
- 2. The lot owner is responsible for removing decorations that they wish to save prior to these dates.

Community Mausoleums

- 1. Mausoleums are open in accordance with posted
- 2. Program provisions for each mausoleum are available from the Cemetery office.
- **3**. Specifications for crypt and niche inscription and memorialization have been adopted for each mausoleum. Please refer to the Cemetery Office for applicable specifications. Inscriptions shall be installed by employees or agents of the Cemetery.

Private Mausoleums

- 1. Private mausoleums allowed only in designated areas. No ground burials are permitted on mausoleum lots.
- **2**. Private mausoleums must be approved in advance and constructed in accordance with cemetery specifications.
- 3. A deposit to the Operation and Upkeep Fund equal to 20% of the mausoleum construction cost is required.

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Cemetery Rules & Regulations

Rules and Regulations play an important part in the beautification and preservation of the sacred resting place of the faithful departed. They are intended not as restraining, but rather as defining an orderly plan of operation, care and permanent maintenance.

- All Cemetery business must be transacted at the Cemetery office. Persons other than Cemetery officials are not authorized to conduct business for the Cemetery.
- Office hours are from 8:30 until 4:00 weekdays, Saturdays by appointment. Closed Sundays.
- The Cemeteries are open daily. Visiting hours are during daylight hours unless otherwise posted.

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Interment Spaces

- Interment spaces can be purchased only with the written approval of the Cemetery and subject to the Rules and Regulations now or hereafter adopted by the Cemetery.
- Interment spaces are intended for the use of Catholics and their families.
- 3. Any interment space must be paid for before use.
- The family of the deceased must personally visit the Cemetery for at-need interment space selections.
- Pre-need interment spaces may be purchased with a minimum down payment of 10% with the balance financed for up to 60 months.
- 6. The lot owner is the person or persons:

 a) to whom the Albany Diocesan Cemeteries has conveyed the exclusive right of interment; or (b) who have acquired such right by transfer in accordance with the rules and regulations; or (c) who hold such right by inheritance.
- A Certificate may be issued to an individual, or to husband and wife as joint tenants with right of survivorship.
- Owners are not allowed to sell their interment rights, in whole or in part, except to the Cemetery, and then only under limited circumstances. No permitted transfer or assignment of any interment space, or interest therein shall be valid until accepted in writing by the Cemetery.

- Income from the Operation and Upkeep Fund or the Perpetual Care Fund may be used for the general maintenance of the Cemetery grounds, roads and buildings. Such income may not be used for special care of graves, memorials or other private property.
- 10. Lots not under Perpetual Care or the Operation and Upkeep Fund are subject to the collection of a deposit to the Operation and Upkeep Fund before an interment is made. This assessment must be paid in full before the last interment in a lot.

Interments

- No interment shall take place without the authorization of the lot owner or the person authorized by law.
- An Authorization to Inter form will be required prior to the interment.
- An order for interment must be accepted by the Cemetery at least 8 working hours prior to the scheduled interment.
- 4. Interments that require cemetery employees to complete the interment after working hours are subject to a surcharge.
- An approved outer container (vault) is required, except for infants.
- All interments, entombments or inurnments will be performed in private by employees, or agents of the Cemetery.
- Ordinarily, only one casket or urn may be placed in any one grave or crypt.
- 8. An infant may be buried in the same grave as a parent, grandparent or sibling in a burial case less than 24" long and 12" high.
- Scattering cremated remains within the Cemetery is prohibited.

Memorials

- The Cemetery reserves the right at all times to prescribe the kind, design, size, crafting, symbolism, quality and materials of all memorials or inscriptions placed in a cemetery. Anyone ordering any memorial or inscription must secure from the Cemetery written approval. Location of memorials must be approved by the Cemetery.
- Each section of each cemetery may have specific rules and regulations, or program provisions, unique to that section or mausoleum. Please refer to the Cemetery Office for the applicable specifications.
- Application for the installation of a memorial and the approval thereof by the Cemetery shall be made in writing on the Cemetery's forms and signed by the owner. Payment must accompany any such order.
- Any non-religious design depicted on a memorial must be subordinate in size and presentation to a religious design.
- Lots, crypts or niches must be paid for in full before memorial work is installed.
- No memorials of wood or composition are allowed, including temporary markers or emblems of organizations.
- 7. Only one marker is permitted on each grave and must be set flush with the turf.
- Installation of veteran markers must conform to current cemetery and VA regulations. All VA marker applications must be authorized by the Cemetery.
- Only bronze markers are permitted in shrine sections and require an approved base.
- Memorials remain the private property of the lot owner. The Cemetery is not liable for maintenance and repair of private property.



