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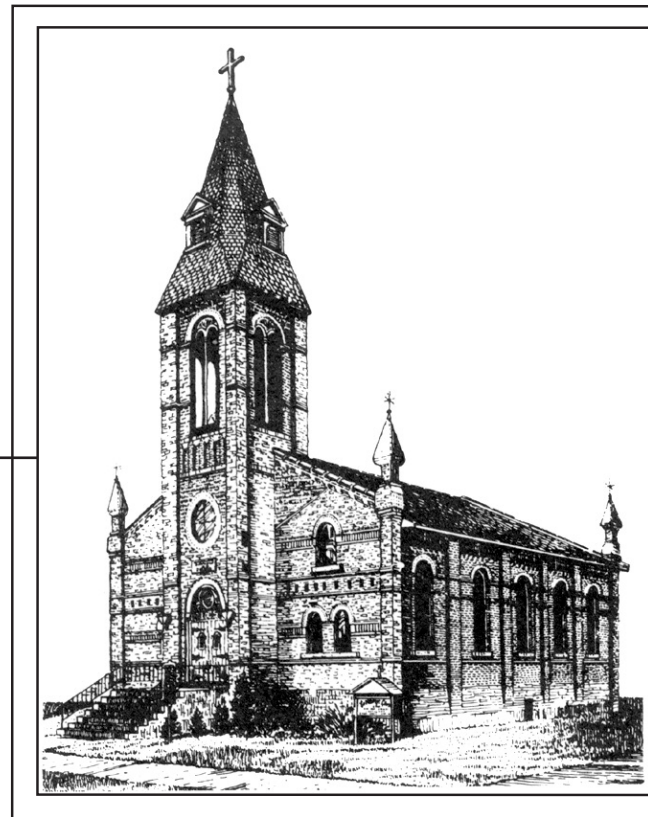
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As the month of November is approaching, the month the Church traditionally and prayerfully remembers the dead, I thought that I would touch on a few topics which tend to come up in regards to funerals, cremation, etc

Recently I gave the Last Rites to an elderly person as they were nearing the end of their life journey here. Before leaving the home I was asked by a family member if I would be able to accommodate their soon to be deceased loved one with a funeral service at a funeral home. It was an opportunity for me to remind them that Catholics should have a Catholic Funeral Mass at their local parish – the highest form of prayer on the earth. This simple piece of information and recommendation was for them an invitation to do for their loved one what every Catholic used to do in years gone by. Many people just don't know about what Christ offers them through the beautiful, powerful and meaningful liturgies of the Church and perhaps make their plans based on what they see happening all around them. There are trends that begin and then catch-on, often starting out by those who might either defy the faith or don't understand what a Catholic funeral is, which is why the go-to for so many people, among them Catholics, is to have a so-called 'celebration of life'. This, in its true fullness, is the essence of what the Church does at a Mass: to celebrate the mysteries of Jesus' Death and Resurrection and the promises made to those who are baptized and who have died, awaiting the fulfillment of the promises made to them. Why? Because the Mass is the sacrifice of Christ re-presented again and again, "from the rising of the sun to its setting". Easter does not tell us that Jesus is Risen from the dead so that we will forget all about the part about his death.

As well, what we do at a Catholic Funeral is to commend the soul, that lives forever, to God, that the one who has died will receive the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus but also see heaven, which is synonymous with seeing Him. No one can fail to see the good that comes from remembering someone who has died by recalling their gifts, talents and quirks while sharing personal stories about them. Remembering them is not only important but cathartic as well as memory, though painful in grief, is so necessary. However, we are more than memory, we are spirit. The soul, which brings life to the body, leaves the body at death as the soul lives on. In the Funeral Mass we surround that soul with prayer and commend them, send them to Christ. Catholic Funerals have always had the opportunity for both, which I remember so well as I grew up going to the wake service, the day and evening before the funeral, and talking with relatives and friends and those who came to pay their respects not only for the deceased but for the family directly affected by the death of a loved one. The traditional prayers at the wake service are a kind of 'rehearsal' for the following day's Mass when we have been reminded by the peace and assurance that comes from faith and trust in God. "Trust in God still and trust in me", Jesus says in John 14:1. The Funeral Mass in itself is not about the deceased but about Christ while the liturgy is to the benefit of the one who has died while it confirms and can renew faith in the living. God walks among us, speaks to us and feeds us in death.

CREMATION & BURIAL

The Church does allow cremation for Catholics and they are able to bring the ashes of their deceased loved one to the church for a Funeral Mass just the same as with a casket. While cremation in many forms has existed through time, the traditional way for Christians has been to bury the body of the deceased in a casket in the ground or in a niche vault above ground.

However, several practices are seriously discouraged for the faithful, one of them being in having the ashes spread on the ground or in water or a favourite place and states clearly that Catholics should be buried in consecrated ground and ashes should be buried with an existing plot or in a special columbarium, an above ground structure designed to hold several urns of cremated ashes with adorning name plaques. Catholics are also not to take the ashes and divide them up, placing them in several places or wearing them in small vessels within jewellery and worn on the body. As well, cremated remains should not be kept at home.

NON CATHOLICS MARRIED TO CATHOLICS

Canon 1183.3 says that a baptized person from a non-Catholic church may be permitted to have Catholic funeral rites under certain circumstances when the deceased persons own minister is not available, permission is sought by the priest from the local bishop, unless the non-Catholic did not want such a funeral.

CHOOSING A CATHOLIC CEMETERY

All cemeteries are not the same in the sense that we can pray anywhere and be in God's presence anywhere, but that Catholic cemeteries are a place of prayer and sometimes even Mass is annually celebrated for the faithful departed buried there or at a central Catholic cemetery where Mass is offered for all the faithful buried in all Catholic cemeteries in a region of the Archdiocese. Catholic cemeteries are consecrated ground; land blessed and dedicated to holding the remains of the faithful.

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*"Precious in the eyes of God
is the passing of his faithful ones.
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