

# RESTING PLACE

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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON



## OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS MAUSOLEUM NOW OPEN

After nearly a year of construction, the new mausoleum at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Cemetery in upper Stoney Creek opened in the summer of 2005.

The Mass of blessing and dedication by the Most Reverend Anthony F. Tonnos, Bishop of Hamilton, took place in September.

The opening of the new mausoleum means Our Lady of the Angels now offers Catholic families a full range of interment options. Interest in the mausoleum continues to be high; since the beginning of August, over 125 spaces have already been purchased.

The 12,000-square-foot mausoleum hosts more than 1,100 crypt spaces over five levels. Crypts can be purchased to accommodate between one and four caskets. More than 900 niche spaces for cremated remains are also available with either glass-front or marble-front designs.

Our Lady of the Angels is the newest Catholic cemetery in the Diocese of Hamilton. It opened in 2000 and is located at Mud Street and Sixth Road.

For more information about the Our Lady of the Angels mausoleum or cemetery, please contact Alice Pimentel, District Cemeterian, 905-643-0189 or 1-800-661-5985.

### ● **Wreath Reminder**

Wreaths are now available from The Catholic Cemeteries and may be placed at gravesites from October 1 to April 1.

For your convenience, wreaths can now be purchased through the new Online Services section of our web site at [www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca). They can also be purchased by calling the main office at 905-522-7727. Credit card orders can be taken over the phone at any cemetery office. Please note that families are responsible for removing wreaths by April 1 to allow for spring cleanup.

### *Helping Others Makes Work Meaningful*

When she began her career in banking, Alice Pimentel would never have imagined she would eventually become a district cemeterian for The Catholic Cemeteries. But now she's so happy she made the change a decade ago.

"It was the best thing I ever did," says Alice. "I love my job. It means a lot to help so many nice people during their time of loss."

Alice started working at the Cemeteries' main office in Burlington doing a variety of tasks – from sales to counselling to marketing – and became district cemeterian in June 2001 for Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery in Stoney Creek and Resurrection Cemetery in Ancaster.

Alice helps families and individuals throughout the entire burial arrangement process. "People comment that I make it easier for them, and that it isn't as hard as they thought it would be. That feels good." She also oversees the general maintenance and makes recommendations for upgrades to the two cemeteries and the new mausoleum at Our Lady of the Angels.

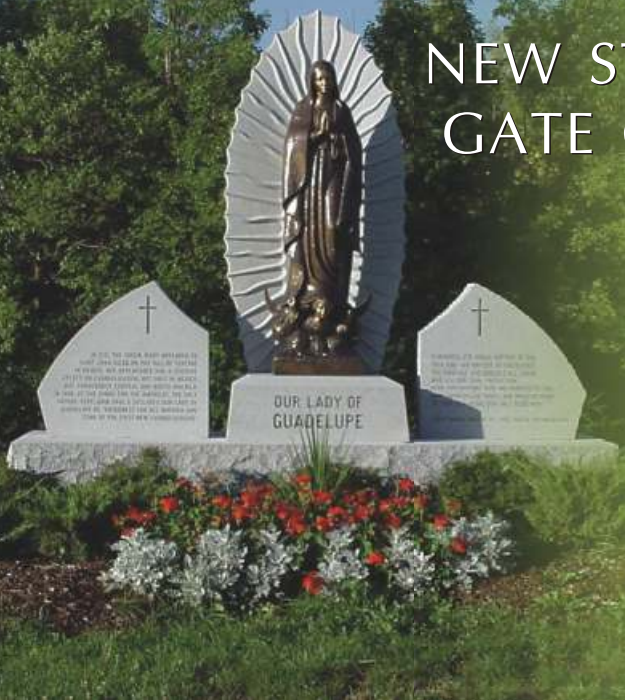
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## NEW STATUES FOR GATE OF HEAVEN

Our Lady of Guadalupe, a bronze statue displayed against a granite background, was installed earlier this year at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Old York Road in Burlington.

It is the first of two new major statues for the cemetery. An all-granite carving of Christ the King measuring more than 20 feet in height is expected to be installed this winter.



## ALL SOULS' DAY MASSES

Everyone is welcome to attend our annual All Souls' Day Masses:

- **Saturday, October 29, 11 a.m. • Marymount Cemetery, Guelph**
- **Sunday, October 30, 2 p.m. • Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington**

## BRINGING OUR SERVICES INTO CYBERSPACE

The new Online Services section of The Catholic Cemeteries web site provides an additional option for families and friends looking to purchase vigil lights and memorial wreaths for their loved ones. This new service was launched in late September.

"To my knowledge, we are the first Catholic Cemetery in Ontario, and perhaps even in Canada, to be offering this kind of service," says John O'Brien, Managing Director, The Catholic Cemeteries. "We want to be able to reach out to today's tech-savvy generation, who want to gain access to services in a quick and convenient manner." Online purchasing also makes it easier for people who live a significant distance from where their loved one is buried.

Making a purchase through Online Services is a simple, step-by-step process – even for those who might not consider themselves computer-wise. Detailed descriptions about items, including enlarged photos and price information, as well as information about cemetery policies, are all clearly outlined on the web site. Any financial information entered is protected on a secure server.

"In the future, we hope to expand this service to include other memorial items, as well as cemetery lots and/or mausoleum crypts," says John O'Brien.

**To view, please visit [www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca) and click on "Online Services."**

For more information, or for further assistance, please call 905-522-7727, or 1-800-661-5985.

## FAMILY RECORDS GUIDE

*Well Received in Catholic Community*

Requests for the new Family Records Guide have been so numerous that the publication has gone into a second printing only months after it first became available.

The Catholic Cemeteries introduced the Family Records Guide earlier this year to help people record important information their loved ones will need at the time of their death. The 15-page booklet allows individuals or families to record such things as the location of important documents, personal information, financial information, people to notify and funeral/memorial instructions.

The Family Records Guide is available free to people who contact The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton about pre-planning services. People who have already made arrangements prior to the guide's publication are also welcome to receive a copy.

Please call 905-522-7727, or 1-800-661-5985. An electronic version of the guide is also available on our web site at [www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca).

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