

# RESTING PLACE

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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

## NEW RECORDS GUIDE HELPS FAMILY MEMBERS

Where is all the information your loved ones will need to find at the time of your death? Filed in labelled folders, stuffed in a shoebox, or not written down at all?

Within hours of a death, a variety of information is needed for the preparation of the death certificate, burial permit and newspaper announcement, for planning the funeral and more. From the immediate task of writing the death notice to the longer-term responsibility of settling an estate, detailed information is required, and accuracy is essential.

**The Catholic Cemeteries now has a Family Records Guide available to help individuals and families keep all pertinent information in one place.**

The 15-page booklet allows for the recording of such things as the location of important documents, personal information, financial information, people to notify and funeral/memorial instructions.

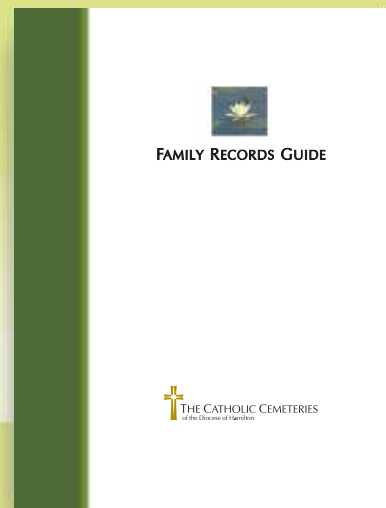
"Sometimes the people entrusted with making funeral arrangements are just lost when it comes to knowing where to find all the information in their loved one's home," says John Foster, manager of Family Services at The Catholic Cemeteries. "Even the most organized people tend to store information in a variety of places, and often things are not recorded at all. How many people know who their parents' lawyer is, where to find insurance papers or what their parents' burial wishes are?"

"The Family Records Guide really aims to make the task of getting the necessary information much easier," he adds. "The person who fills it out gets some comfort knowing their loved ones will have quick access to the details they need. We recommend that people who complete the guide tell their next of kin about it, and where it is kept."

Ideally, the guide will be used as part of pre-planning one's funeral and burial, but even people who don't purchase cemetery space in advance can benefit from filling out the guide, Mr. Foster says. "If nothing else, reviewing the guide should reinforce for people how important it is to at least record their preferences for their funeral and interment."

**John Foster, manager of Family Services**

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.



### What's in the Guide?

The Family Records Guide is organized under the following headings:

- Location of Important Documents
- Personal Information and History
- People to Notify in the Event of a Death
- Funeral/Memorial Instructions
- Financial Information and Assets
- Professional Advisors
- Directory of the Catholic Cemeteries

### NEW STATUES for Gate of Heaven

Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Old York Road in Burlington is getting two new major statues: Our Lady of Guadeloupe and Christ the King. Our Lady of Guadeloupe, to be installed this spring, is a bronze statue displayed against a granite background. Christ the King is an all-granite carving measuring more than 20 feet in height. It will be installed by late summer or early fall.

# OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS MAUSOLEUM TO OPEN SOON



Construction has continued all winter on the new mausoleum at Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery in upper Stoney Creek and a blessing and dedication ceremony is planned for June.

Cemeterian Alice Pimentel says calls from people who want first choice of crypt space are coming in steadily. All names go on a waiting list and when the mausoleum opens, those people will be invited to view the mausoleum and choose the space they want.

"There are going to be five levels with

a total of 1,100 crypt spaces so there will be lots of choice," Ms. Pimentel says. "Prices will be determined when construction is completed and then we can start arranging appointments."

Crypt space can be purchased to accommodate one, two, three or four caskets. There will also be almost 900 cremation niches available in either glass-front or marble-front designs.

The blessing and dedication for Our Lady of the Angels mausoleum will be June 25, 2005 at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our Lady of the Angels is the newest cemetery to serve Catholic families. It was opened in 2000 on a 100-acre lot on Mud Street in upper Stoney Creek. For more information about Our Lady of the Angels cemetery or mausoleum, please call Alice Pimentel at 905-643-0189.

## ● DID YOU KNOW...

One grave can accommodate a maximum of three burials – either two caskets and one cremation urn, or one casket and two urns. A cremation grave can hold up to two cremation urns. Having two caskets in one grave requires the first to be buried at extra depth and also depends on soil conditions.

Family counsellor Dwayne Cahill says it's becoming more common to add cremated remains to a grave that already holds one or two caskets. "Sometimes people aren't able to purchase space nearby to an existing family grave, yet they want to be together. If the deceased has been cremated, then the urn can be interred on top of the existing burial."

The grave is opened to a depth of approximately three feet, and the urn placed inside. If there is room on the existing memorial (headstone) for the name of the recently deceased person, it may be added. Other options are available if it's not possible to add a name to the existing memorial.

A niche in a columbarium may hold up to two cremation urns, depending on the size of the niche.

## WREATH REMINDER

Please remember that cemetery wreaths must be removed by April 1 to allow for spring clean up, grass cutting and other maintenance work.

## MEMORIAL MASS SCHEDULE

### ● *May and June* (all Masses begin at 11 a.m.)

Saturday, May 21

- Cambridge Cemetery

Saturday, May 28

- Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington

Saturday, June 4

- St. Joseph's Cemetery, Brantford

Saturday, June 11

- St. Mary's Cemetery, Elora

Saturday, June 18

- Resurrection Cemetery, Ancaster

Saturday, June 25

- Marymount Cemetery, Guelph

Saturday, June 25

- Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery, Stoney Creek

### ● *September and October*

Saturday, September 10 • 11 a.m.

- Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Burlington

Saturday, October 29 • 11 a.m.

- Marymount Cemetery, Guelph

Sunday, October 30 • 2 p.m.

- Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington

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