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TO: Pastor/Administrators, Business Managers and ACC Community

SUBJECT: FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

DATE: April 13, 2021

We write to you today with the joy of Easter in our hearts and a positive message for you to share. Although COVID-19 continues to affect our Catholic Cemeteries and Mortuaries, we see a slight decline in our services need. With God's grace, our staff continues to work diligently with our grieving families through this challenging process.

Today, we wanted to bring some vital information to your attention. FEMA has begun offering assistance and relief for funeral and burial costs for families who have suffered the passing of a loved one due to COVID-19. You may already be aware of this program through print and news media, but we felt we should highlight some important information for you.

FEMA began accepting applications for COVID-19 funeral assistance on April 12, 2021.

Applications are being accepted by phone through the dedicated FEMA toll-free hotline at 844-684-6333. No online applications will be accepted.

Funeral homes, cemeteries, and other third parties are not eligible to apply on behalf of a family.

Catholic Cemeteries & Mortuaries will make every effort to assist those Patrons requiring copies of documentation related to services provided by our facilities.

It is important to note that FEMA has issued a fraud alert advising of possible scammers reaching out to the vulnerable. All must be aware that FEMA will not directly contact individuals and does not send individual notifications.

We encourage those affected or anyone with questions, to visit the FEMA website at <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq>

For additional questions and to begin the application process, please contact the FEMA toll-free hotline at 844-684-6333.