

POLICY No. 11

CEMETERIES

1. Term definitions

For the purpose of this policy, a cemetery is a place where human remains, either a body or ashes, are buried or entombed. Cemeteries are blessed in accordance with proper liturgical discipline.

2. Intent of the policy

To provide for the appropriate organization and functioning of cemeteries managed by the diocese.

3. Policy

- a. Parishes which are responsible for cemeteries must maintain the cemetery grounds and keep accurate records indicating burial plots, burials, perpetual care, and monument funds.
- b. There should be a Board of Directors for the cemetery, independent of the parish pastoral council or parish finance committee, which follows the Regulation of Cemeteries Act. The board of directors is to submit to the diocesan financial administrator and the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Services, Cemetery Branch, reports concerning the operation and care of the cemetery. Semi-annual financial statements are to be submitted to the diocesan financial administrator.
- c. The cemetery board manages and operates the cemetery in the name of the diocese and/or the parish. The parish priest or the parish administrator must be a member of the cemetery board of directors.

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