

SAINT ROSE CEMETERY

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

AUTHORITY:

1. The Saint Rose Cemetery shall operate as detailed in the Saint Rose Cemetery Constitution under the direction of the Pastor, Cemetery Director, and Cemetery Board of Directors.
2. The Rules and Regulations established are designed for the protection of Right to Burial holders. Enforcement of these Rules and Regulations will help protect our cemetery and create and preserve its beauty. It is the intent of the Cemetery Management and its Board to establish and enforce these Rules and Regulations ensuring Saint Rose Cemetery continues to remain a sacred place of beauty and prayer for our loved ones.
3. Saint Rose Cemetery Management reserves the right to change the Saint Rose Cemetery rules, regulations, and grave decoration policies at any time.

MANAGEMENT:

4. Changes or additions to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations must be approved by the Board of Directors and the Pastor.
5. Saint Rose Cemetery Management shall be required to maintain records of:
 - a. sales and Right to Burial holders
 - b. all burial spaces and columbarium niches
 - c. and facilitate the opening and closing of graves and columbarium niches
6. Saint Rose Cemetery Management will ensure all Rules and Regulations are adhered to by Right to Burial holders.

CERTIFICATE OF RIGHT TO BURIAL:

7. Certificates of Right to Burial of lots, grave spaces, and/or niches is restricted for the purpose of sepulcher use only, subject to the laws and regulations of State of Ohio, Wood County, Saint Rose Cemetery, and The Diocese of Toledo.
8. A Certificate of Right to Burial will be issued entitling certificate holders to the perpetual use of lots, grave spaces, and/or niches for the burial or inurnment of deceased persons, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery, the disciplines of the Diocese of Toledo, the laws of the Roman Catholic Church, and Federal and State laws regarding burials.
9. Successor of Right to Burial Certificate: Upon the death of the certificate holder, the Right to Burial Certificate will transfer to his or her heirs in equal, undivided shares as stated in the will or in accordance with the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Ohio. The spouse of said certificate holder will retain the right to be interred/inurned in said lot, grave space, or niche in accordance with cemetery policy and the laws of the State of Ohio. Upon the death of the certificate holder, the Right to Burial certificate will transfer to his or her heirs as stated in the will or in accordance with the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Ohio.

Certificates of Right to Burial of lots, grave spaces, and/or niches may be purchased by Saint Rose parishioners or former parishioners and may be used only by the purchaser and their immediate family [i.e., husband, wife, children, siblings, and parents.] It is the goal of Cemetery Management to avoid separating immediate family members. The Certificate of Right to Burial is non-transferable. A Certificate of Right to Burial holder may donate or transfer the Certificate of Right to Burial to the cemetery at the original purchase

price, less the cost of perpetual care at the time the Certificate of Right to Burial was issued. If a deposit is placed on a Certificate of Right to Burial at the time of need, payment in full must be made for lots, grave spaces, and/or niches to be used.

10. Lots, grave spaces, and/or niches will not be regarded as purchased until full payment has been received. No burial, monument or improvement will be permitted on any lot, grave space, or niche for which there is an unpaid monetary balance due the Cemetery. Saint Rose Cemetery reserves the right to have full payment made before burial is completed. Exceptions can only be made with the permission from Cemetery Management and/or Pastor.
11. Saint Rose Cemetery offers families and individuals the option to pre-pay interment, inurnment, and entombment fees.

LIABILITY:

12. Saint Rose Cemetery is a private not-for-profit cemetery. It is the responsibility of the Certificate of Right to Burial holder and their heirs per the Rules and Regulations of Saint Rose Cemetery for the structural care and upkeep of purchased lots, grave spaces, grave monuments, columbarium niches and/or mausoleums.
13. Saint Rose Cemetery will take reasonable precautions to protect Certificate of Right to Burial lots, grave spaces, and/or niches within the cemetery from loss or damage. The cemetery is not responsible for loss or damage from causes beyond its control including, but not limited to, damage caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral.
14. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove all decorations as soon as they become unsightly or create a safety hazard. The Cemetery is not liable for lost, misplaced, or damaged decorations or containers.

LANDSCAPING/MAINTENANCE WORK:

15. Trees and shrubs may not be planted by anyone other than the Cemetery Management. All trees and shrubs must be approved by Cemetery Management and planted by companies approved by the cemetery. If extra work is performed, it will be at the expense of the Right to Burial holder. If work is requested, payment for the same must be made in advance of the work being contracted.
 - a. Trees and/or shrubs that become unsightly, a safety hazard, or interfere with adjacent graves, paths, or interments; will be removed at the owner's expense.
 - b. In the event plants become overgrown, unsightly, or hazardous to adjacent graves, avenues, or paths, Saint Rose Cemetery Management may at any time, upon notice to the Right to Burial holder, take appropriate steps to correct the hazard.
 - c. Prior to invoking the Rules and Regulations, unless there is encroachment on adjoining lots where an interment is to be made or has been made, Saint Rose Cemetery Management shall give ten (10) days written notice, to the last known Right to Burial holder at their last known address to rectify any of the conditions referred. In the event the holder does not comply with the notice, Saint Rose Cemetery Management may proceed without further notice as provided under these Rules and Regulations.
16. All cemetery maintenance work, landscaping, opening, and closing of graves and niches will be performed by approved cemetery personnel at competitive rates as determined by Saint Rose Cemetery Management.

GRAVESITE:

17. No more than two (2) burials will be permitted in a single grave. A "Second Burial Right" can only be for cremated remains (cremains), and are to be placed over a present vault, or if the first burial is of cremains, the space is reserved for cremains only. A "Second Burial Right" must be purchased for more than one burial per lot. The "Second Burial Right" will be equal to half the Right to Burial price of the lot at the time of purchase. All cremains are to be treated with respect and must be inurned. The cemetery requires a non-biodegradable container that will not decompose for all inground cremation burials and/or above ground interments in a columbarium niche or mausoleum. All inground cremations must also be placed in an urn vault.
18. Grave conducive to maintenance rules:

- a. **No Alterations** to the grades of lots or locations will be permitted.
 - b. **Cut flowers** are allowed at any time in non-glass containers. Flowers will be removed when they become unsightly.
 - c. **Potted plants** are allowed at any time during the growing season April 1st to November 1st. Containers and plants will be removed when they become unsightly.
 - d. **Installation and removal of decorations:** A bi-annual cemetery cleanup of decorations, grave blankets, etc. will take place between March 1st and March 15th and November 1st through November-15th. *All decorations that families wish to retain must be removed prior to scheduled clean-up dates.* After March 15th and/or November 15th decorations may once again be placed on graves.
 - e. **Individual plantings:** The planting of shrubs or trees must be done by cemetery personnel and only on sites where allowed. Flower planting is allowed in front of upright monuments only. Planting of any type is not allowed around or in front of flush markers.
19. In conjunction with local Veterans Organizations, American flags will be placed on the burial space of all known veterans on or just before Memorial Day. They will remain on the burial space until Veterans Day unless they interfere with cemetery maintenance, constitute a safety hazard, or become damaged or unsightly. If the American flag is removed, the space holder may place another American flag on the burial space that does not exceed 8"x10".
- a. Non-Veteran space holders may place **one** American flag per burial space.
 - b. American flags must be on a wooden support pole and cannot exceed 8"x10".
 - c. The cemetery is not responsible for lost, damaged or missing American flags.

MONUMENTS/MARKERS/URNS/COLUMBARIUM NICHES:

20. All monument and marker foundations will be installed by an approved Saint Rose Cemetery contractor at the expense of the Right to Burial holder. Orders for foundations are to be submitted no less than thirty (30) days in advance of anticipated delivery and installation. Foundations are scheduled for installation on a semi-annual basis or at the discretion of the Cemetery Management.
21. No monument or headstone will be erected in the Saint Rose Cemetery until the material, style and inscription are approved by Cemetery Management. **A cross or other symbol of Christian faith is required on all memorials.**
22. Monuments or markers are to be made of granite, marble, or bronze. Bronze tablets must be fastened on durable stone (*granite, marble, or concrete*). The use of any metal except copper containing bronze is prohibited. Wood, plaster-of-paris, concrete, glass, sandstone, and other similar materials are not permitted in monuments to markers. Single grave markers are restricted to 32 inches x 12 inches. For double markers or monuments, the maximum dimensions shall be 48 inches x 12 inches. Family markers (3 or 4 graves) are limited to 54 inches x 12 inches, center on graves.
23. No memorials, plaques or insignias will be permitted on the Columbarium or sidewalks except those approved by Saint Rose Cemetery Management. All niche plaques will have the name of the deceased, the year of birth and year of death in uniform style to conform to the Columbarium design. No other lettering or designation will be permitted without approval of the Saint Rose Cemetery Management. All approved niche plaques and insignias are to be purchased through the Saint Rose Cemetery Management and installed by approved cemetery personnel.
24. Waterproof concrete, steel, or fiberglass vaults must be used for all in-ground burials. All cremation burials must be placed in Cemetery Management approved non-biodegradable vault.
25. All Columbarium niches will be opened and closed under the supervision of Saint Rose Cemetery Management.
26. **Urns:** All cremated remains must be placed in Saint Rose Cemetery Management-approved containers. The number of urns in any niche shall be under the control of the Saint Rose Cemetery Management. Single niches are limited to one urn per niche (unless 2 small urns will fit in the single niche), and Companion niches are limited to two urns per niche.

UNBORN MEMORIAL AREA:

MISSION STATEMENT: *The Saint Rose Cemetery Respect Life Memorial for the Unborn provides a means of memorializing unborn children and a place of spiritual healing for parents, relatives, and friends.*

27. Cemetery Management is responsible for the development of procedure, Rules and Regulations, database development, layout of burial area for the unborn, and reporting and pricing of Saint Rose Cemetery.
28. All fundraising is the responsibility of the Respect Life Ministry.

MEMORIAL FOR THE UNBORN MONUMENT:

29. Any unborn child not buried at Saint Rose Cemetery can be memorialized on the Memorial for the Unborn Monument.
30. A child buried at Saint Rose Cemetery cannot be memorialized on the monument, because they have an option to place a memorial marker at their Right to Burial space.
31. Inscription requests must be submitted to Cemetery Management and signed by the person requesting and paying for the inscriptions.
32. Inscriptions cannot exceed 20 characters including spaces.
33. Names will only be shared with written approval from the mother and will be maintained in a secure manner that will allow standard accounting operating procedures to be maintained.
34. Names of families and details of purchase of an inscription will not be maintained in the cemetery Right to Burial database *as this is not public information*.
35. Based on the inscription, the mother of the unborn child may be required to sign off on the inscription to protect the privacy of the mother. (Example: A person other than a parent requests an inscription.)
36. All inscriptions must be approved by Cemetery Management. Inappropriate names or phrases will not be placed on the memorial.
37. Cemetery Management is responsible for the design of the inscription order form.
38. Cemetery Management has final approval of inscription.
39. All inscriptions must be paid in full before inscription can be placed on the memorial.
40. The inscription location is at the discretion of Cemetery Management and will be placed on the monument as received. There will be no promises of a specific location or sequence of inscriptions.
41. Ohio Monuments, or their contracted inscriber, is the only company that can do inscriptions on the memorial *to avoid infringing on the memorial warranty*.
42. Cemetery Management is responsible for receipt, processing, managing payments, coordinating engraving, and paying Ohio Monuments.
43. Inscription charges are at cost.
44. Inscriptions will be scheduled twice per year.
45. Cemetery Management will notify the family once the engraving has taken place.
46. Cemetery Management and Respect Life Ministry will develop a list of appropriate examples of names or phrases, not to exceed twenty (20) characters including spaces, that may be placed on the memorial.

RIGHT TO BURIAL UNBORN CHILDREN MEMORIAL AREA:

47. Any unborn child or unborn twins may be buried in the Right to Burial Unborn Children Memorial area of Saint Rose Cemetery.
48. Burials are to take place subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery, the disciplines of the Diocese of Toledo, the laws of the Roman Catholic Church, and Federal and State laws regarding burials.
49. Right to Burial location will be determined by Cemetery Management in sequential order.
50. Right to Burial location will be opened and closed under the supervision of Saint Rose Cemetery Management.
51. All burials must be placed in Cemetery Management approved non-biodegradable vault not to exceed 16.5" (L) x 12" (W) x 9" (H).
52. Cemetery Management will determine the size of the vault.
53. Vaults may not be stacked.

54. Memorial markers are not required in this area.
55. Memorial markers are to be ground-mounted to accommodate grass cutting equipment.
56. Families may purchase and have one predetermined uniform style memorial marker placed per Right to Burial space.
57. Right to Burial memorial markers are to be bronze, uniform in style, lettering, and design, may not exceed 5.5" x 5" and must be purchased by Saint Rose Cemetery Management.
58. All inscriptions must be approved by Cemetery Management. Inappropriate names or phrases will not be placed on the memorial.
59. Cemetery Management is responsible for the design of the bronze plaque order form.
60. Cemetery Management has final approval of inscription.
61. Bronze plaques must be paid in full before a bronze plaque will be ordered by Cemetery Management.
62. Installation of bronze plaques and foundations will be under the supervision of Cemetery Management.
63. Only live, cut flowers are permitted in this area for a period of thirty (30) days following interment.

UNBORN RIGHT TO BURIAL CARE FUND:

64. The Respect Life Ministry is responsible for raising all funds associated with the "Care Fund", memorials, foundations for memorials, statues, and any other items required to promoting the mission of the Memorial for Unborn Children Area at Saint Rose Cemetery.
65. Cemetery Management will recognize "Care Fund" cases per Cemetery Rules & Regulations.
66. In the event of a "Care Fund" justification, the cost of the space and open/closing of the burial space will be covered from the Respect Life Ministry "Care Fund".
67. Cemetery Management will report "Care Fund" fund levels to Respect Life Ministry quarterly.

UNBORN RIGHT TO BURIAL EVANGELIZATION AND BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:

68. Saint Rose Cemetery Board and Management will work in conjunction with the Saint Rose Parish Respect Life Ministry in evangelization and catechetical efforts that support the mission of the Unborn Memorial Right to Burial Area.
69. Saint Rose Cemetery Management in conjunction with the Respect Life Ministry will work with the Saint Rose Parish bereavement support groups to support families with the loss of an unborn child.
70. Saint Rose Cemetery Management will provide Diocese of Toledo support information to families about:
 - a. Zelig Ministry, phone number 419-769-4427 zelieministry@gmail.com
 - b. Project Rachel Ministry, phone number 419-260-5811
 - c. <https://catholiccharitiesnwo.org/what-we-do/project-rachel-post-abortion-healing/>