



POLICY REGARDING FUNERAL MASSES AT HOPE CEMETERY

"A funeral for any deceased member of the faithful must generally be celebrated in his or her parish church." (canon 1177, §1)

Nevertheless, the *Order of Christian Funerals* (CCCB), n. 322 makes provision, at the discretion of the local Ordinary, for the funeral Mass to be celebrated in some other place.

Since the chapel of Hope Cemetery is located in a canonically erected Roman Catholic Cemetery, by this policy, I hereby declare that funeral liturgies (including Masses) may be celebrated in the chapel of Hope Cemetery. In accordance with the norms of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), a funeral Mass may be celebrated on any day except Sundays, solemnities of obligation, Holy Thursday, and during the Easter Triduum.


The cemetery administration will keep a register of funeral liturgies celebrated in its chapel and will be responsible for making arrangements to provide a priest (or deacon) for the said liturgies.


Please note that this exception applies only to Hope Cemetery. Funeral Masses still may not be celebrated in any other cemetery or funeral home chapel, or in a private home.

This policy takes effect May 1, 2013.

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