



Diocese of Worcester
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MEMORANDUM

TO: ROBERT ACKERMAN, DIRECTOR OF DIOCESAN CEMETERIES

FROM: MOST REV. ROBERT J. MCMANUS, S.T.D., ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF WORCESTER, A CORPORATION SOLE *+ R.J.M.*

RE: CODIFICATION OF RULE AND REGULATION CONCERNING USE OF CEMETERY PROPERTY AND PERPETUAL BURIAL EASEMENTS LOCATED THEREON

DATE: JULY 16, 2004

Dear Director Ackerman:

I hereby inform you that I am adopting the following rule and regulation, which shall be applicable to all Diocesan cemeteries effective immediately:

"No use may be made of, nor inscription made on or near, any perpetual burial or entombment easement, nor of, on or near any real or personal property located in the cemetery, to the extent that same would contravene the doctrine or teachings of the Roman Catholic Church as determined by and at the sole discretion of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Worcester. Should any such use or inscription be made and not be removed within ten (10) days of mailing of notice of same to the owner or the owner's agent as named on cemetery records, the Cemetery reserves the right to revoke the burial or entombment easement, with no return of the purchase price, to remove the offending use or inscription and to charge the owner with all costs and expense incurred in connection with doing so."

Please see that the above is incorporated in the printed forms and publications which set forth cemetery rules and regulations as soon as practicable, and please also see that it is also added to the sales agreements used for sales of lots, crypts and niches. In the meantime, please advise anyone with a need to know of the above.

While the rule and regulation set forth above codifies the policy which has always applied to those using or purchasing any interest in our Roman Catholic cemeteries, I believe it prudent to memorialize same in written form. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Yours in Christ,

+ Robert J. McManus

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Roman Catholic Bishop of Worcester,
a corporation sole