



# CATHOLIC Cemetery Ministry

In the Diocese of Spokane we are truly blessed to have three beautiful, sacred cemeteries.

Holy Cross Cemetery on the north side of Spokane was established in 1931 by Bishop White. Covering 80 acres, the beauty of the grounds is complemented by an impressive mausoleum building. The ascending Jesus is a landmark feature in this area.

St. Joseph Cemetery in the Spokane Valley was established in the late 1800s as a parish cemetery. Purchased in the 1990s by Catholic Cemeteries of Spokane, it is known for its beautiful hillside grotto. This 50 acre cemetery is situated on rolling farmland surrounding a historic church building and mausoleum.

Queen of Peace Cemetery on Spokane's south hill is located on the campus of the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center. The peaceful ambiance adjacent to the retreat center makes it a natural location for a cemetery. Dedicated in 2008, this 20 acre setting is the newest Catholic cemetery and will provide space for generations into the future.

The Catholic Cemeteries play an important role in our Catholic faith. They are a symbol of the reverence we hold for the human body when the soul passes on to God. These cemeteries are a visible sign of faith in the Resurrection. As a Christian community, we are called by Jesus Christ to comfort those who mourn. This mandate is the heart of the mission of the Catholic Cemeteries of Spokane. Mourning is a unique journey for each person. Our ministry to the bereaved includes reaching out, listening intently and being present at a time of need.

As we approach Memorial Day, our busiest time of the year, we are reminded that our cemeteries provide a restful place. Our dedicated workers are preparing the cemetery grounds for the beauty of spring. Our hope is that people visit often and leave with cherished memories and a feeling of peace. We truly believe that love is stronger than death, and visitation of the faithful departed is an important part of our Catholic faith. For more information, please contact:

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