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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Our Church teaches us that the remains of cremated bodies should be treated with the same respect given to the corporal body. This includes the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and the final disposition. The cremated remains of a body should be entombed in a permanent place such as a mausoleum or columbarium. They may also be buried in a grave in a cemetery.

The Catholic Cemeteries in the Diocese of Tucson has for many years offered to the Catholic faithful choices for permanent placement of the urn. However, due to financial burdens, some Catholic families have not provided a permanent resting place and have chosen to keep the urn in their possession. This is not in keeping with Catholic teaching.

To better enable Catholic families who are burdened financially to adhere to Church teaching of permanent placement of cremated remains, Holy Hope Catholic Cemetery is offering, under certain circumstances, to have the urn of your family member placed in a crypt at no cost to you. The urn will be placed in a special crypt dedicated for this purpose along with other cremated remains of Catholics. However, your loved one will have its own designated place within the crypt. The name of the deceased will be recorded in the Book of Remembrance. This book will be kept at the location of the crypt.

The placement of the urns will be made at a committal service held on October 20, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at Holy Hope Cemetery.

The conditions for participating in this program are as follows:

1. Call Holy Hope Catholic Cemetery at 520-888-0860 for details and to arrange for an appointment with one of the representatives
2. Applications for entombment must be received no later than Oct 2, 2017
3. **This opportunity is limited to families whose loved one has died three or more years ago (Death Certificate or Cremation Certificate required)**
4. The next of kin must provide the proper paperwork and authorizations for entombment
5. Documentation must be provided verifying financial need

Your loved one will be laid to rest among the community of believers and will be remembered in prayer by all the Christian faithful at the special masses held at our Catholic Cemeteries.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, D.D.
Bishop of Tucson