

# Catholic Cemetery Sunday - November 7

The importance of continued prayer in remembering our departed loved ones.



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Cemetery Sunday will be observed this year on November 7, 2010. It is entirely appropriate that the Church observes the first Sunday of the month of November as a special day to remind all of us of the importance of continued prayer for our beloved dead, and to also remember those faithful departed who may have no one to pray for them.

Catholic cemeteries encourage visitation and prayerful meditation throughout the year, but November provides Catholic cemeterians an opportunity to remind our brethren of the importance of the sacred space created by Catholic cemeteries. They are visible reminders of our Catholic faith in the resurrection; they hold the mortal remains of the communion of Saints who have lived among us.

The living are invited to come and pray for those who have gone before, just as those yet to come will be invited to pray for us in the future. By burying the

remains of our loved ones in Catholic cemeteries, including their cremated remains if this is the option chosen, and by continued prayer for them, we fulfill both the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

Cemetery Sunday provides a tangible reminder to all of us of the importance of Catholic cemeteries and the value of prayer. You are invited to take time out of your busy days during the month of November, or any time during the year for that matter, to stop by and visit the Catholic cemetery, say a prayer for your loved ones, and remember.

“Let eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace; may they and all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen”



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We remember our loved ones especially on **Catholic Cemetery Sunday**-November 7, 2010, and always throughout the year as well.