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Annual Sowing Seeds Award Dinner Sunday, November 18



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Our Christian Catholic Tradition dedicates the month of November to the memory of all the saints and all the souls that have ever lived in the course of human history. It is during this month that we remember in a very special way our beloved dead through prayer, remembrance and ritual. Visiting the columbarium is one of the ways we can spend time with our loved ones who are entombed and memorialized within.

We look forward to the annual Sowing Seeds Award Banquet, coming up on November 18th, at St. Gianna's Church. The banquet flows through the Grain of Wheat Legacy Fund, unique to Living Waters Columbarium. The fund celebrates the legacy of the beloved dead enrolled in the Grain of Wheat Legacy through the presentation of two awards to groups or organizations that endeavour to '*transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice*'.

The Sowing Seeds Award celebrates the legacy of all the deceased enrolled in the fund. This year's recipient will be the Missionaries of Charity in Winnipeg. *The Grain of Wheat Award* is connected to the legacy of a specific individual entombed or memorialized in Living Waters Columbarium. This year's award celebrates the legacy of Miguel Labossière, whose remains are entombed in the columbarium. The recipient will be Peace of Mind Canada, established by Loizza Aquino. Join us on November 18th for a wonderful celebration!

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Columbarium Representative



Why We Should Not Forego the Funeral

-finding hope in the celebration of the Catholic funeral rituals

Part II in our series on Facing Death in Changing Times

A private interment has taken place...

At the request of the deceased, there will be no funeral celebration...

Practices that were once perceived as secular trends are quickly becoming the preferred options among a growing number of Catholics in Manitoba. Memorial services in funeral homes, graveside ceremonies, and 'celebrations of life' in hotels or country clubs are perceived as viable options by many, and sadly, the decision to forego funeral rituals altogether is also a reality. While many variables influence these decisions, the outcome is usually determined by those planning the funeral. Although the deceased may have wanted the celebration of Catholic funeral rituals, the family members may choose otherwise if they are no longer practicing their faith, or if they feel that the rituals of the Church will be unfamiliar to family members and friends. Sometimes



even the dying are making this request in an effort to make things 'simpler' for their families. Either way, it is a sad reality for the deceased, the bereaved family and the members of the Christian community, as all are deprived of the beauty and hope celebrated through the Catholic funeral rituals.

Death is not a problem to be solved, but rather a mystery to experience. Our Christian Catholic faith celebrates the death of a Christian by placing it within the context of our life in Jesus. "The Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, the Son of God, by his death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity." (Order of Christian Funerals) Funeral rites help the

bereaved enter more fully into the process of grieving. They support a healthy grieving process, which encompasses a series of experiences that move the bereaved through the mystery of death: accepting the reality of death, expressing sadness at the loss of a loved one, remembering the deceased within the context of their faith journey, gathering as a Christian community around the bereaved, being nourished at the Eucharistic table, and proclaiming hope in the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of eternal life. The ritual celebration can be a special time of grace for grieving families, and can plant the seed for spiritual growth and transformation.

The Catholic funeral ritual celebration helps situate us in the larger context of our baptismal journey. We acknowledge our identity as children of God and members of the Christian community - an identity bestowed upon us through the sacrament of baptism, which immersed us into life with Christ, and into life with one another. We celebrate the death of a Christian because we believe that physical death does not mark the end of our loved one's life, nor the relationships forged with the deceased. Death is celebrated as the transition from our earthly pilgrimage to our eternal pilgrimage in God. We give thanks for the very gift of our loved one, whom we now return to God. In doing so, we are not only reminded of who



God is, but also of who we are in the greater context of our human story. Ultimately the way we die and the way we celebrate the death of others is a reflection of our dignity as children of God.

compassion we have for those who grieve.

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The Catholic funeral is meant for the deceased as well as the loved ones who are left in sorrow. It is a proclamation of our faith in the resurrection of Jesus. It is an expression of the value we place on human life, the hope we have for the deceased and the care and

Celebrating the Feast of All Souls

-Friday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. at St. Gianna's. On this day, the church celebrates those who have died and that we now assist with our prayers as they come into the fullness of eternal life in heaven.



During the month of November, we take time to remember our beloved dead in a special way. Through our individual and communal ritual prayers and celebrations, we continue to proclaim that in death, life is changed, not ended. During this month take time to remember your beloved dead in daily prayer. Perhaps keep photo(s) on display graced with flowers and candles. Attend the All Souls Day Liturgy and include their name(s) in the vessel of remembrance. Offer a Mass to be said on the anniversary day of their death. Make time to visit the place of burial during November.



Visiting the Columbarium

We are pleased to welcome many visitors to the columbarium on a daily basis. For some it is a time of quiet reflection. For others it is an opportunity to gather with family by a loved one's niche. As we continue to grow, we are pleased to offer the visiting hours listed below.

Daytime

Monday to Friday

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Holidays not applicable

Evening

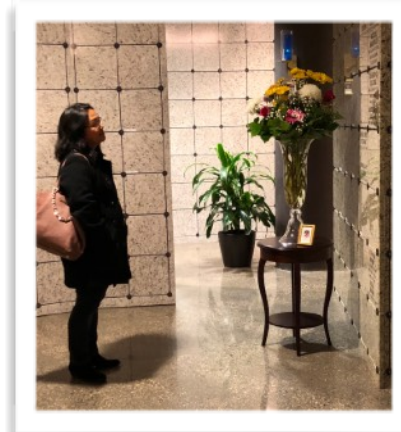
Tuesday

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Weekends

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm.



Be sure to spend some time in our new hospitality area during your next visit. Located on the lower level of the church just outside the columbarium entrance, the hospitality area is a place to enjoy a warm beverage and cookie during your visit.

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