## Planting & Decoration Guidelines (Gravesites)

### Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island

#### IS MY DECORATION/PLANTING PERMITTED?

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Planting/Decoration Type</th>
<th>Upright Monument Lots</th>
<th>Flush Marker Sections</th>
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<td>Lawn Crypts</td>
<td>1, 2, or 3 Grave Lots</td>
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<tr>
<td>Annual Flowers</td>
<td>YES - semi-circle of 18” in front of monument</td>
<td>YES - semi-circle of 18” in front and rear of monument</td>
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<td>Bouquet Holders</td>
<td>YES - Approved bouquet holders (aluminum/bronze) may be installed. Limit of 2 bouquet holders per lot are permitted.</td>
<td>ONLY where holder is part of the marker design</td>
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<td>Vases</td>
<td>YES – Flat bottom vases ONLY</td>
<td>The following vase types are not permitted: glass vases, ceramic vases, pin style cases, or cone shaped vases</td>
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<td>Artificial Flowers</td>
<td>SEASONAL – Winter Months ONLY (November 1 until one week after Easter). <em><strong>Will be removed outside of the winter month period</strong></em></td>
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<td>Fresh Cut Flowers</td>
<td>YES – Must be in designated area in approved container</td>
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<td>Potted Plants</td>
<td>SEASONAL – Permitted on Holy Days/Holidays. <em><strong>Must be removed or planted one week after the day of celebration</strong></em></td>
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<td>Shrubs/Bushes</td>
<td>3 Grave Plots or Larger ONLY – Refer to Page 2 for rules and regulations</td>
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<td>Flags</td>
<td>YES – Must not exceed 12” x 16”. No more than 2 flags permitted on plot, one must be an American flag. <em><strong>Faded/soiled/torn flags will be removed</strong></em></td>
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<td>Holiday Decorations</td>
<td>SEASONAL – See separate schedule for permitted dates</td>
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### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Wooden crosses
- Pin-wheels
- Banners
- Glass jars
- Planters
- Statues
- Bottles
- Toys
- Balloons
- Earthenware pots
- Crockery
- Bric-a-brac
- Tin Cans
- Shells
- Edging
- Stones
- Pebbles
- Marble chips
- Vigil lights (flame or solar)
- Perennials, vines, climbers, hedging or rose bushes

### IMPORTANT NOTES

- This document is intended to act as a limited reference guide for the planting and decoration regulations for our cemeteries. Refer to the Rules and Regulations document on our website ([www.CCLongIsland.org](http://www.CCLongIsland.org)) for a complete list of cemetery guidelines.
- No placed item, whether floral or otherwise, is considered permanent to the site. The cemetery makes every effort to enforce rules and regulations uniformly and with compassion.
- Because the cemetery is open to the public, with thousands of visitors each year, the cemetery cannot guarantee plants and decorations from DAMAGE, THEFT, or DISAPPEARANCE. The cemetery will not be responsible for plant or shrub damage caused by wildlife.
- The cemetery reserves the right to remove and dispose of any decoration/planting WITHOUT NOTICE OR COMPENSATION when deemed as unsightly, out of season, or otherwise not permitted in accordance with the cemetery’s rules and regulations.

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BUSHES & SHRUBS

- Bushes or shrubs are ONLY permitted on plots having three graves or more. Bushes or shrubs are NOT permitted on single graves, double graves, or any flat marker section.
- Rose bushes, vines, climbers, hedging, and perennials are NOT permitted on any gravesite.
- Shrubs and bushes are permitted to be planted on each side of the monument.
- Shrubs and bushes are NOT to extend in front or behind the memorial in excess of 14” nor to encroach upon any other plot.
- No shrub or bush is to exceed the following height restrictions:
  - 3 feet for a three grave lot
  - 4 feet for a four grave lot
  - 5 feet for a five grave lot
  - 6 feet for a lot that consists of more than five graves.
- Preferably, shrubs should be kept four (4) to six (6) inches below the maximum size permitted.
- Before planting any such shrubs, the Cemetery office should be consulted in order to be sure that your planting will conform to the type of shrub permitted and to its maximum size.

FAMILY (PRIVATE) MAUSOLEUM LOTS

- Annual flowers may be planted in front of the mausoleum building (not blocking the entranceway) when a landscape plan is approved by cemetery authorities. Annual flowers are not permitted in front of any flush markers that are part of a mausoleum lot.
- Shrubs and bushes are permitted on three sides of the building when a landscape plan is approved by cemetery authorities. Shrubs and bushes are prohibited in the rear of the building. Before planting, the cemetery office should be consulted to ensure that your planting will conform to the type/size of shrub permitted.
- No shrub or bush is to exceed the height of the mausoleum’s door. Preferably, shrubs should be kept four (4) to six (6) inches below the top of the door.
- Shrubs and bushes are not to extend in front or behind the mausoleum in excess of 3’6”, nor are they to encroach upon any other mausoleum or lot.
- Rose bushes, vines, climbers, hedging, and perennials are NOT permitted.
- Bouquet Holders are the only lot markers permitted. Each bouquet holder reduces the area reserved for planting. Owners are asked to limit bouquet holders to no more than four per mausoleum lot.
- Glass jars, statues, shells, vigil lights, marble chips and bric-a-brac of any description are not permitted and will be removed and disposed of without notice or compensation.

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