



# Cemetery Definitions

[ *Owner: Cemeteries Administrative Operations Manager* ]

**1-A MANAGEMENT:** The term “Management” shall mean the person or persons duly appointed and authorized to manage and direct the Cemeteries owned and operated by the DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAUX and/or other Catholic Cemeteries within the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

The Diocesan Director of Cemeteries, the Executive Director and Assistant Directors of the Office of Cemeteries, the Pastor of a parish Cemetery, and the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Cemeteries are included in the term “Management.”

**1-B OFFICE OF CEMETERIES:** The term “Office of Cemeteries” shall mean the main and central office of the CEMETERIES within the DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAUX located at 949 Menard Street, Thibodaux, LA 70301.

**1-C CEMETERY:** The term “Cemetery” shall mean one or all of the properties dedicated to the burial of the dead.

**1-D CEMETERY OFFICE:** The term “Cemetery Office” shall mean the office of the Superintendent in charge of the particular Cemetery or Cemeteries.

**1-E SUPERINTENDENT:** The term “Superintendent” shall mean the person in charge of conducting the various operations and services at one or more Cemeteries.

**1-F GENERAL CARE:** The term “General Care” shall mean the ordinary maintenance of the Cemeteries and mausoleums.

**1-G LOT, PLOT, CRYPT, BURIAL PLACE:** The terms “Lot, Plot, Crypt, Burial Place” or a similar term shall be used interchangeably, and shall include any structure thereon, and shall apply with like effect to one or more adjoining lot, plot, etc.

**1-H MEMORIAL:** The term “Memorial” may be either a mausoleum, tomb, coping, monument, marker, headstone, tablet, or crypt front for one or more deceased persons.

**1-I INTERMENT:** The term “Interment” shall mean the disposition of the remains of a deceased person either temporarily or permanently.

**1-J ABOVE GROUND BURIAL OR INTERMENT:** The term “Above Ground Burial or Interment” shall mean the entombment of a deceased person in a vault, crypt, tomb, or mausoleum erected on a plot above the normal level of ground.

**1-K GROUND BURIAL OR INTERMENT:** The term “Ground Burial or Interment” shall mean an interment made in a coping or underground vault.

**1-L PLOT OWNER:** The term “Plot Owner” shall include person or persons who have purchased interment or entombment rights or who own same by right of inheritance or transfer. The “Plot Owner” does not acquire a proprietary interest in the land on which the burial place is situated; he does acquire full proprietary ownership of the coping, tomb, or other improvements erected thereon and is solely responsible for maintenance and repairs to all improvements.

**1-M LEGAL CUSTODIAN OF REMAINS:** The term “Legal Custodian of Remains” shall mean in the instance of interment, the surviving spouse or the next of kin as provided under the law. After interment, the legal custodian shall be the plot owner of the burial place according to the Cemetery records.

**1-N CONTRACTOR OR CONTRACTORS:** The terms “Contractor or Contractors” shall mean architects, builders, cleaners, letter cutters, pavers, gardeners, etc., or their agents or employees.

**1-O RECEIVING VAULT:** The term “Receiving Vault” shall mean a crypt owned by the Cemetery in which a body is interred temporarily, usually for a rental fee to await permanent burial.

**1-P ANNUAL CARE:** The term “Annual Care” shall mean the normal upkeep on a yearly basis of a plot, tomb, coping, etc. offered for a fee as a service by the Management. It does not include painting or any repairs of any kind.

**1-Q PERPETUAL CARE:** The term “Perpetual Care” means the continuous upkeep and maintenance which includes painting, cleaning, and repairing of a coping, tomb, or other burial place performed by the Cemetery under an irrevocable contract negotiated with Management.