Archbishop Vigneron to Bless St. John Paul II Mausoleum and Chapel at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery on June 18

Brownstown Twp. – Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron will bless the new St. John Paul II Mausoleum and Chapel at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 18. The mausoleum and chapel mark a significant expansion for the Brownstown cemetery, which is owned by the Archdiocese of Detroit and managed by Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services of Detroit (CFCS).

The mausoleum has more than 550 interior and exterior crypts, 450 niches, and a chapel for services. The interior crypts have marble fronts and the exterior crypts have granite fronts. The niches, used for placement of urns with cremated remains, offer both glass and granite fronts.

The mausoleum is named after St. John Paul II, who served as pope of the Catholic Church from 1978 until his death in 2005, and was named a saint by the Vatican in 2014. A bronze statue of the popular modern saint will stand in front of the mausoleum’s entrance. The new mausoleum is intended to fulfill the need for more burial space in the cemetery.

Father Timothy Babcock, the Archdiocese’s liaison for cemeteries and a board member of CFCS describes the mausoleum and chapel as “a beautiful expression of Catholic respect for those who have died. The beautiful window from Our Lady of Lourdes Church is our centerpiece and helps to express the sacredness of this place. It will be a chapel of comfort and prayer for many for decades to come.” Maureen Terrell, Associate Director of Cemeteries said that “we are blessed to have this significant opportunity to invest in our cemetery and our faith community by creating a space for families to reflect and honor their loved ones.”

Our Lady of Hope Cemetery is at 18303 Allen Road, between Pennsylvania and Sibley roads. The new chapel will be in the center portion of the cemetery, near the present chapel and along the main road. Call Our Lady of Hope at (734) 285-2155 for further directions and information.

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