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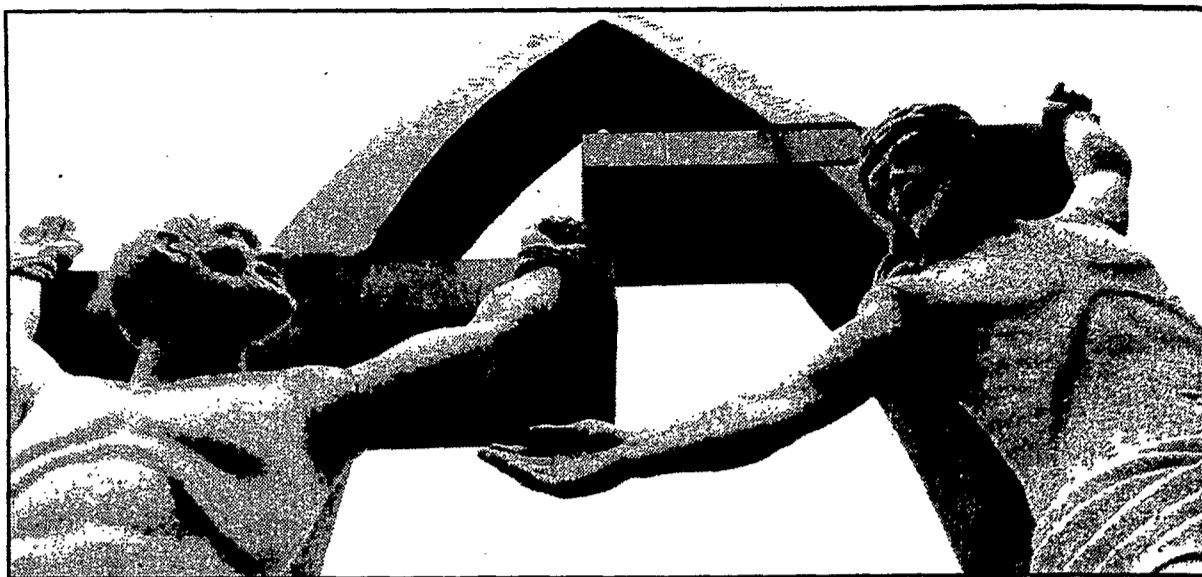
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This statue of Christ and the Good Thief stands in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Auburn.

Flexible rules govern burial policies

By Lee Strong
Associate editor

By the end of this weekend, Father Thomas Mull will have officiated, in a single week's span, at three memorial Masses or cemetery committal services for Catholics whose remains were cremated.

The fact that such services can be performed for these cremated remains, or cremains, may be a surprise for people who believe that Catholics may not be cremated.

But Father Mull is not only aware that such services are permitted; as the priest consultant for the diocesan Office of Liturgy, he wrote the diocesan guidelines for cremation.

"It's never been absolutely forbidden, especially in times of natural disasters or war," noted Father Mull, pastor of Rochester's Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Still, cremation was discouraged under most circumstances, the priest continued, because church leaders feared "a person, by having the body cremated,

was making a statement that they did not believe in the resurrection of the dead, because the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit."

By the early 1960s, such fears decreased, and church rules were changed to allow cremation under more circumstances.

Still, Father Mull acknowledged, some people remain confused about cremation — and other rules concerning the burial of Catholics and Catholic cemeteries.

Among those rules are:

Non-Catholics may be buried in Catholic cemeteries under certain circumstances;

Even Catholics who have been away from the church for a while may be buried in a Catholic cemetery;

A Catholic may be buried in a non-sectarian (or public) cemetery, although the preferred burial site for Catholics remains a Catholic cemetery;

Catholics may be organ donors, and as such not limit their participation in the resurrection of the dead.

The unique nature of

Catholic cemeteries is recognized by the church through a special status given to them, noted Leo Droste, executive director of the National Catholic Cemetery Conference.

"The cemetery is one of two sacred places in the church — the first being where you celebrate the Eucharist, the church, and the second being the cemetery," Droste observed from his Des Plaines, Ill., office.

Thus the ground in Catholic cemeteries is blessed, while the ground in public cemeteries — except in special cases — is not, Droste explained.

"The basis of the whole thing is we are baptized with Christ and we die with Christ," observed John Geherin, administrator of St. Joseph's Cemetery in Auburn.

To help explain the special nature of Catholic burial and cemeteries, the New York State Catholic Conference issued a 1990 document, "Catholic Cemeteries: A Statement of the New York State Diocesan Cemetery Directors."

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