



THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

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The Catholic Cemeteries receives a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Small Grant

Mendota Heights, Minnesota— 8/18/2023 — The Catholic Cemeteries (TCC) announced they are a recipient of the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Small Grant from the Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) on May 18, 2023.

This grant will be used to hire a qualified historian to complete an evaluation to determine eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for Calvary Cemetery, St. Paul.

TCC's historic Calvary Cemetery in St. Paul has been a permanent resting place since 1856, honoring those who have gone before us, continuing to carry out the important works of mercy of burying the dead. The people buried here range from local families to nationally renowned families and individuals, remembered through large, ornate monuments and mausoleums to footstones and unmarked graves. The people buried here are woven throughout the history of the City of St. Paul, the State of Minnesota, and the United States. This sacred space is a remembrance of those who have gone before us. Preserving the monuments, markers, and grounds for those who are buried in this cemetery honors and shows reverence for those who have died.

Calvary is a repository of this history and the Catholic Church in this area, located on a scenic bluff overlooking downtown St. Paul.

The grant is a first step to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, as TCC continues to find ways of preserving Calvary Cemetery, its monuments and markers, and its history.

The Catholic Cemeteries (TCC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, managing five Catholic cemeteries. Three are historic cemeteries: Calvary in St. Paul, St. Mary's in Minneapolis, and St. Anthony in N.E. Minneapolis. Each of these cemeteries has been active for over 100 years and contain a huge number of burials. The other two are Resurrection in Mendota Heights, and Gethsemane in New Hope. TCC is also a resource to parishes who have their own parish cemetery.

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