



UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA

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Rev. Ihor Kasiyan
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June 16, 2020

Dear. Fr. Ihor,

Thank you for your letter of June 11, 2020 regarding graves in the old section of Saint Andrew/SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

It is understood that cemeteries are expensive to maintain and that such maintenance goes beyond general maintenance i.e., cutting the grass and weeds, plowing the roads, etc. Over time, grave foundations for headstones can shift due to freeze/thaw cycles and the like. The cost of repairing or replacing them due to natural deterioration can be quite expensive.

It is reasonable that the family of the loved one who is buried there should bear the cost, especially if they were never assessed a perpetual care fee or bore the cost up front as is the case in the newer sections with the long rows of foundations.

Therefore, you have my permission and blessing to begin a new policy of requiring families who ask for foundation repair or replacement, and who have not paid a perpetual care fee, to bear the cost of such work.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Bohdan J. Danylo
Bishop of Saint Josaphat Eparchy