

**ST. MARY CEMETERY**  
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Re: Update on Virgin of Guadalupe Chapel Mausoleum in Saint Mary Cemetery

I am writing you to give you the latest on our plans to build the Virgin of Guadalupe Chapel Mausoleum. It has been over five years since we announced plans to build a chapel mausoleum at Saint Mary Cemetery. Our original goal was to have 280 spaces sold prior to the commencement of construction. We have sold 242 spaces as of the date of this letter. A few additional families purchasing spaces will put us at our goal.

Since we are so close, we have initiated the steps necessary to begin the construction process. These steps include the following:

- Receiving a final cost proposal from Gibraltar Mausoleum, a division of Matthews International of Pittsburgh, for the construction of the mausoleum
- Receiving final proposals from the contractors who will do the preliminary and final site work for the mausoleum
- Preparing and presenting the proposed plan to the Diocese for approval
- Securing financing for any contingencies
- Completing the final architectural plans and drawings
- Apply for and securing necessary permits to begin work from the township and county

Some of these steps have already been accomplished. Once we have approval from the Diocese, we will schedule a groundbreaking ceremony to which you will be invited. We know many of you have been doubtful that his day would come; however, we have always been confident that we would ultimately reach our goal. We ask you to share the good news with your family and ask you to encourage other families to participate in this beautiful addition to Saint Mary Cemetery.

We appreciate your patience and understanding. Please bear with us a little longer as we go through this process.

Peace,



Reverend Michael W. Decewicz, Pastor  
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