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Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island Invites Families to Add Names of Victims and First Responders To September 11th Memorial

***~Families Encouraged to Submit Names of
Loved Ones Lost for 9-11 Remembrance by July 31, 2021 ~***

Westbury, Long Island, NY; July 6, 2021 – Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island is offering families of victims and first responders to add loved ones names to its 9-11 Memorial as part of the 20th year remembrance of the September 11th Terrorist Attacks on America. The Memorial monument, located within Holy Rood Cemetery in Westbury, was erected in 2003 and currently displays the names of 414 individuals who were victims of the 9-11 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center and individuals who worked to rescue and recover the victims at Ground Zero in Lower Manhattan.

Family members who lost loved ones are encouraged to submit their names using a special form with required information and attestation. The deceased's full name and optionally, their profession or role, will be added to the memorial. All forms must be submitted and arrive by email or mail by July 31, 2021. The form is available online at <https://CCLongIsland.org/9-11-memorial/>. Those who lost their lives later due to health conditions and exposure at Ground Zero and lower Manhattan are also eligible.

“As we approach the 20th year since 9-11, we know that many people remain profoundly impacted. Our memorial wall at Holy Rood Cemetery is a place of solace, reflection and tribute to the lives that were tragically lost. Located in a specially designated area at the cemetery, the Memorial will be the site of a special outdoor mass which will be presided over by Diocese of Rockville Centre Bishop John Barres on September 11th this year,” said Richard Bie, CEO of Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island.

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island's 9-11 memorial is a beautiful black marble sculpture that is the center piece of a specially designated area of the cemetery which was set aside for victims of the terrorist attacks. Inscription on the memorial is provided by Catholic Cemeteries at no cost to the families, and the individuals do not have to be Catholic for inclusion.

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island owns and operates four cemeteries across Long Island, including Cemetery of the Holy Rood in Westbury, NY, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Coram, NY, Queen of All Saints Cemetery in Central Islip NY, and Queen of Peace Cemetery in Old Westbury, NY. Queen of Peace is the first new Catholic cemetery to open on Long Island in decades. The chapel at Queen of Peace Cemetery is under construction at this time and is expected to be completed by the summer of 2022.

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island is dedicated to meeting both the spiritual and physical needs of the more than 1.4 million Catholics across the Diocese of Rockville Centre, which encompasses Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island, NY.

For additional information about the Saturday, September 11, 2021 Memorial Mass at Holy Rood Cemetery or adding names to the remembrance wall, please visit www.CCLongIsland.org, or email AAndersen@CCLongIsland.org.

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About Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island exists to meet the needs of individuals and parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY in preparation for, at the time of, and following the death of a loved one. Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island owns and operates four cemeteries across Long Island including Cemetery of the Holy Rood in Westbury, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Coram, Queen of All Saints Cemetery in Central Islip and Queen of Peace Cemetery in Old Westbury. At our cemeteries, we attend to both the spiritual and physical needs of the families we serve - from the physical burial of their dead to emotional support for the difficult loss of separation. We attempt to maintain a beautiful and comforting setting where a family can come to remember and memorialize their loved one. We also support parish bereavement groups for families as well as assist with a bereavement conference. Finally, we attend to financial matters to assure that funds are available to care for cemeteries now and in distant future. Most importantly we attend to spiritual needs of the families we serve. We do this through our Saturday masses and other liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Catholic cemeteries are "Sacred places" and are given a special blessing to highlight their sacred character. For more information please visit www.CCLongIsland.org.