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Angel Statues to Be Dedicated by Catholic Cemeteries

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Sept. 27, 2017, Omaha, Neb. -- Angels do exist. Catholic Cemeteries will dedicate two, newly erected, life-size representations of angels following the 5:30 p.m. Memorial Mass on Monday, Oct. 2. The Mass will be offered in the Holy Angels Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery, 7800 West Center Rd.

Mass celebrant Rev. Gary Ostrander, will perform the blessing and dedication immediately following the Mass (at about 6 p.m.) in the Garden of the Angels, the newly constructed cremation remains garden.

The bronze, trumpeting angels were commissioned during late 2016 as part of the Garden of the Angels cremation garden development at Resurrection Cemetery (on the west side of 78th and West Center Road). The Garden of the Angels offers both in-ground cremation burial and above-ground wall cremation niche space.

Designed and molded by Italian artisans, the angels arrived in Omaha in mid-2017 and were placed in storage while the foundations and pillars were erected. The angels were elevated and secured to the pedestals at the end of August.

“The angels add significant beauty and appropriately reflect the naming of this area. While they will be enjoyed by all who drive by or stroll in the garden, an individual family may choose to memorialize their family legacy by sponsoring one of these fabulous works of art,” said Dan Keller, director of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Omaha. “We encourage visitors to come and enjoy the beauty of our cemeteries, pray for and reflect on loved ones who have preceded us, and share memories of these loved ones with family and friends.”

The Garden of the Angels is bordered by Holy Angels Mausoleum to the north and the large garden fountain to the south, and tree-lined borders to the east and west. The mausoleum, where the monthly Memorial Mass is celebrated, can be entered from either the east or west sides of the garden.

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