

CE12 Field Trip Guide: **Gardens of Gethsemani**

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Sample Itinerary

(on site for 2.5 hours, specific times are flexible)

Time	Description
9:00 – 10:00	Educational presentation; Q&A The presentation includes an overview of “Elder Life” as one of the Catholic Life Stages & Milestones. The mission of Catholic Cemeteries is explained, and the reason for this mission is also explored (dignity of the human person, as created in God’s image). A look at pre-planning and burying with dignity, and education on cremation and scattering is included. Q&A: use student questions and journals from Lesson #2 (see website for lesson plan).
10:00 – 10:30	Tour of grounds Staff on site will give a detailed tour of the beautiful grounds, explaining its historical and spiritual significance on the way. Students will be exposed to the Veterans Memorial section (Canadian armed forces); Rachel’s Garden (a section for children); the beautiful Pagoda of Eternal Light; the Cloisters and Resurrection mausoleums; the Evangelist Chapel; and our outdoor Stations of the Cross, which features a rock from the original Gethsemani in the Holy Land.
10:30 – 11:00	Interactive experience This portion of the field trip depends on the availability of staff and equipment at the facility. Things such as digging a grave or seeing inside a mausoleum have been done in the past. Please call in advance for details.
11:00 – 11:20	Rachel Mourns pro-life prayer service (See document attached)
11:20 – 11:30	Refreshments and parting words. Complimentary, provided by the facility.
11: 30	Board bus and depart

Practical Considerations:

1. Students will be given specific instruction on the expected behaviour at the facility by staff on site.
2. Students may want to bring a small backpack with journal, pen, and a snack.
3. Dress for the weather because much of the field trip takes place outside.
4. Bathrooms are available on site next to the chapel.
5. Many service hours opportunities are available on site for students, if the interest is there. Another 1 to 2 hours could be added to this field trip to assist with things such as cleaning gravestones; planting flowers next to graves; setting up candle displays for prayer vigils, etc. Please ask in advance for details.

RACHEL MOURNS PRAYER SERVICE

Collect: Let us place ourselves in the presence of God, and open our hearts to receive His Spirit.

Response: **Come Holy Spirit; come by the power of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved spouse.**

Hail Mary...

Antiphon: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you”
(Jer. 1:5)

Reading: Psalm 139: 13–16

You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb.

I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works! My very self you knew; my bones were not hidden from you, When I was being made in secret, intricately woven as in the depths of the earth. Your eyes foresaw my actions; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.

Antiphon repeat: **“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you”** (Jer. 1:5)

Intercessions:

The Savior of mankind by dying destroyed death and by rising again restored life. Let us bring our intentions humbly before him, as we plead with our Father in Heaven: For the sake of His sorrowful passion,

- Have mercy on us, and on the whole world.

For all the staff and volunteers who work at crisis pregnancy centres throughout the world. May each person work effectively, showing love, compassion and truth to all those seeking help.

- Have mercy on us, Lord, and on the whole world.

For the medical, administration and other staff who work at hospitals and clinics that perform abortions. May each person involved have their eyes opened so that they will see the evil that is the destruction of innocent human life.

- Have mercy on us, Lord, and on the whole world.

For all those who make laws in each land, especially in Canada, that they choose to enact laws that protects the dignity and sanctity of all human life.

- Have mercy on us, Lord, and on the whole world.

For your own personal intentions...

(Have mercy on us, Lord, and on the whole world)

For these intentions and all those we hold in our hearts,

Our Father...

Commendatory Prayer:

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants, the pre-born. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, the sheep of your fold, the lambs of your flock; the children of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace and joy, and into the glorious company of the saints in heaven. **Amen.**

In the mercy of Christ, may their souls and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace. Amen.