



***Life  
without  
End***

***Catholic resources on eternal life, meaningful funerals, and sacred burial.***

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# Fatima Prayer



O my Jesus, forgive us our sins,  
save us from the fires of hell.

*Lead all souls to heaven,*  
especially those who have most  
need of your mercy.



# Lessons from Mary & Joan



# Created to Last Forever



God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living...for God created man for incorruption and made him in the image of his own eternity.

Wisdom 1.13-15; 2.23-24

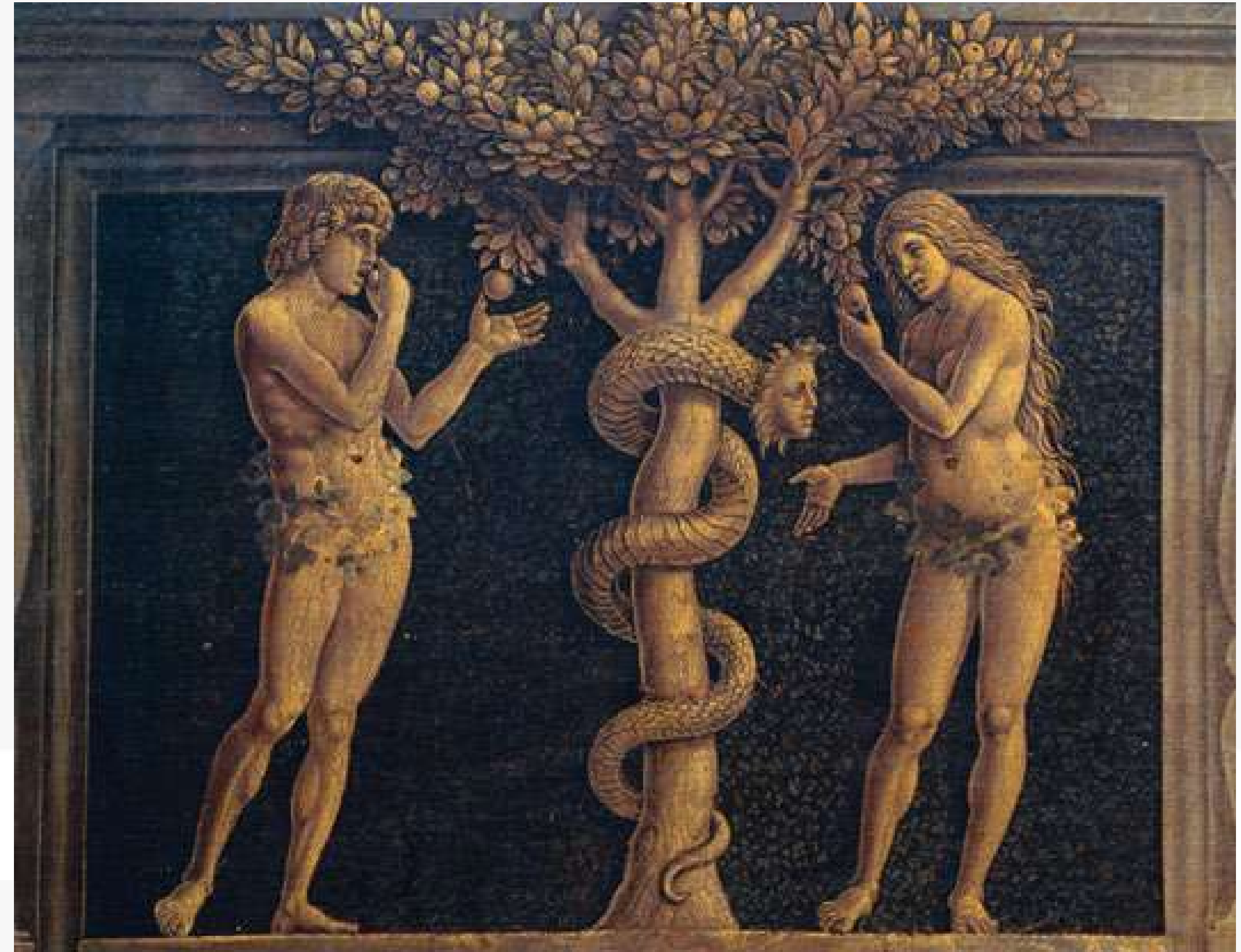
# Life in Christ, from Baptism to Eternal Life

*The Sacraments are ever-living and life-giving (CCC 116)*



# Man's Relationship with Death

Death came into the world as a result of the devil's envy (Gen 3:1,4-5) and the sin of our first parents (Gen 2:17, 3:17-19).



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Source: *Evangelium Vitae, the Gospel of Life*

Source: *The Holy Bible. The New Revised Standard Version: Catholic Edition*  
Nashville, TN: Catholic Bible Press, 1993.

# Jesus' Resurrection inspires Hope



*Christ rose  
from the dead, lives forever,  
and  
causes us to share in his eternal life.*

*CCC 988-991*

# Meaning of Christ's Resurrection





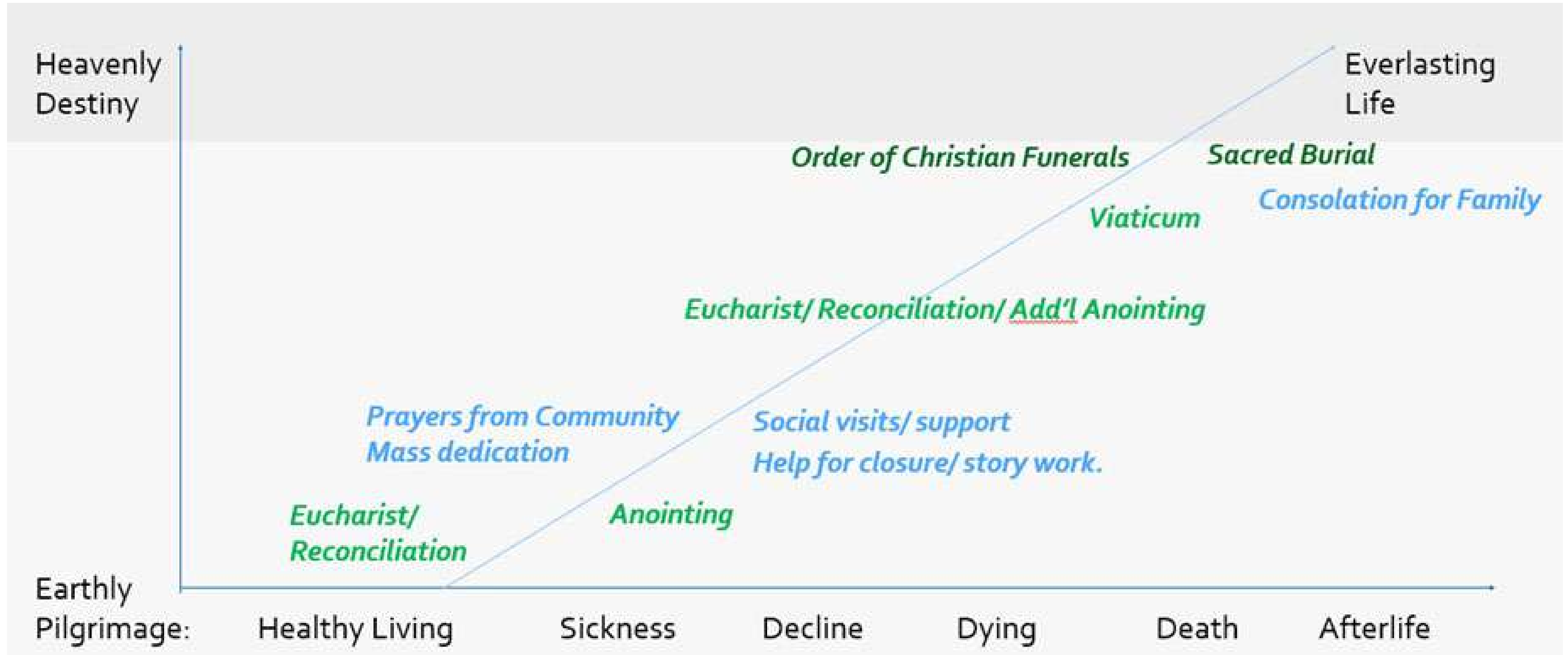
# Negative Vision and Denial of Death

The root cause of much of the misery associated with dying today is the denial of death and the fact that our society has **no positive vision** with regard to life's end.

Source: James W. Roche. *Facing Death: Discovering Life*. Ottawa, ON: Catholic Health Care Association of Canada. 2000. 9.



# Our Positive Vision



# ...Jesus Transforms & Restores



"I came that they may have  
life and have it abundantly"  
Jn 10:10

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Hans Urs von Balthasar. *The Christian and Anxiety*.  
San Francisco. Ignatius Press. 1989. Pages. 118-9.

# Meaningful Funerals & Sacred Burial



- Why a Meaningful Funeral is Healing
- How Sacred Burial at a Catholic Cemetery is Different
- Why Preparation is an Act of Caring
- How do I prepare? Where do I start? What are options?

# A Catholic Funeral and Burial offers rituals with meaning, rituals that heal



*Vigil or "Wake"*



*Funeral Mass*



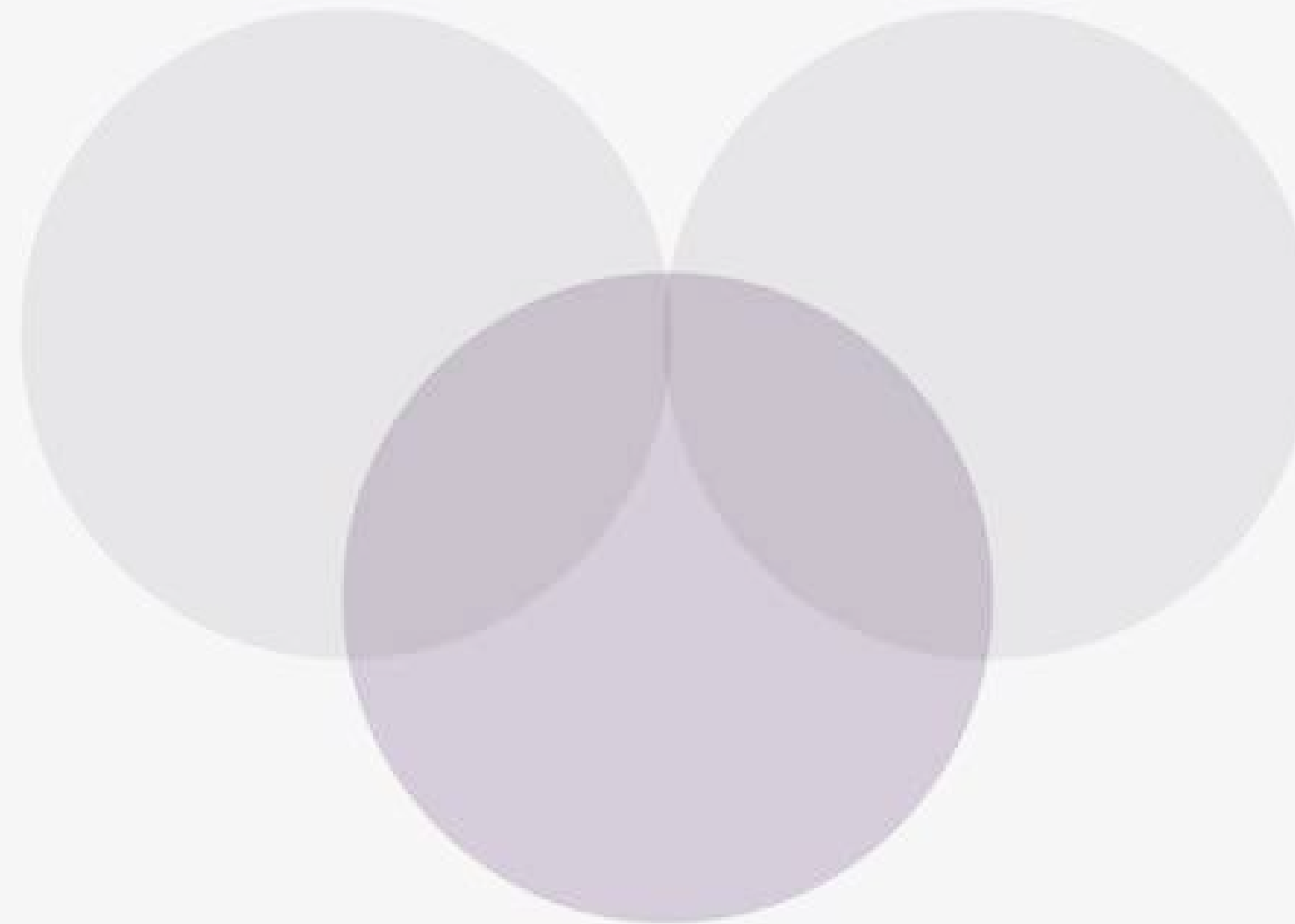
*Interment*



# How We Are Connected

## **Parish**

*Funeral Liturgy— Vigil, Mass,  
Interment (dates)  
Community Prayer / Support  
Volunteer Support*



## **Funeral Home**

*Preparation of body  
Transportation  
Certificates / Forms  
Obituaries*

## **Cemeteries**

*Planning Tools  
Sacred Burial Space  
Open / Close  
Memorialisation*

# Sacred Burial

## How a Catholic Cemetery is Different



# Why Preparation is an Act of Care



- Lessens the burden on spouse or children
- Avoids emotional mistakes
- Judgement is not impaired by sorrow
- Is a witness to your faith, is an act of love
- Finances not impaired by illness



# Arrangements

Discern

Traditional or  
Cremation Burial

Meet

Advisor and  
Review Options

Document

Plan and  
Inform Family



## Plots

*Traditional Burial Plots*



## Crypts

*Mausoleum Single  
and Double Crypts*





## Niches

*Wall and Columbarium Niches  
for Cremated Remains*

# What to Expect in an Appointment




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