

# *Life is a Journey*



## OUR FAMILY SERVICE ADVISOR TEAM

Meet Our Dedicated Family Service Advisor Team with over seventy-eight years of combined service. Our ministry is dedicated to helping families at their time of need, as well as, helping them on a pre-need basis. The Cincinnati Catholic Cemetery Society supports families in the Tri-State area and across the country.

Larry Fuller is our Senior Family Service Advisor and has been working in Family Service for 18 years. Larry is an anchor on our Family Service Team and is a positive team member willing to go the extra mile for the Cincinnati Catholic Cemetery Society's families.

Larry's Inspiration...Working at CCCS provides me the opportunity to help families and friends through what might be one of the most difficult times in their life. I also enjoy helping people with pre-planning their final arrangements, minimizing this burden for their loved ones.

John Bressler was looking to finishing his career in a ministry that matched his personality. He had no idea what he was experiencing while working with these families, would have such a profound impact on his life. John has been with the Family Service Team for over ten years.

John's Outlook...My professional life before did not prepare me for this profession. Helping families on one of the worst days of their lives is a true ministry. I have acquired the knowledge on how I can comfort families looking to me for guidance and re-assurance that we will always be here to care for their loved one.

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Nancy Huff came to us from the retail industry and was looking for something more rewarding in her life. She has traveled the world and is well educated. We have seen Nancy grow in this position and we believe she has found a home and a purpose that God has intended for her.

Nancy's Insights...This is my way of paying it forward. If I can make the grieving process or funeral pre-planning process even a tad easier and less stressful for someone...if I can lighten someone's burden with information and empathy, then I have done my ministry. Did I mention that I love people?

Kelly Flanigan has been with CCCS for almost 3 years working at our St. Mary office.

Kelly's View..."For me, the most rewarding part of the FSA team is working with families. I feel like I have a new purpose in life, helping families, and for that I'm truly thankful!"

Jerry Auer has made a career with the Cincinnati Catholic Cemetery Society. His degree was in Criminal Justice, totally outside of the death care industry. As we know, the Lord has a plan for us and it's our goal to be open to his call. Jerry's journey with the CCCS has led him through all levels of grounds operations, office procedures, administration, management and currently is the Director of the Family Service Advisor Team.

Jerry's Journey...During my 40 years with St. Joseph, St. John and St. Mary Cemeteries, Mausoleums and Cremation Gardens, I have seen many changes from operational to administrative, but what always persists is the grief, anxiety, stress, the why's or what if's that families experience at the time of the death of a loved one. I have had the extraordinary privilege to help these families through this most difficult time. As a care-keeper of their loved one, in perpetuity, we have the privilege to be part of everyone's extended family.

## **CERTIFIED FUNERAL CELEBRANT ON STAFF**

A Certified Funeral Celebrant is a person trained and certified through *InSight*, to meet the needs of the family during their time of loss. After a consultation with the family, loved ones and coordinating with the funeral home, the Celebrant serves by providing a funeral service, memorial service or tribute that is personalized to reflect the personality and life-style of the deceased.

## **CaringVoices™**

This is a free service offered by Cincinnati Catholic Cemetery Society to all our families. Caring Voices is a 24-hour telephone grief counseling service dedicated to helping people who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one. This service allows you and your family to speak with professionals trained in grief counseling at any time, for any reason. A *Caring Voices* card is provided after each service. The card explains how to access the telephone counseling service anytime, day or night, 365 days a year, whenever you need to talk. The service also extends to all family members.

Cincinnati Catholic Cemetery Society recognizes the important role of caregivers in the lives of loved ones suffering from loss. We remain committed to providing our families resources like *Caring Voices* to assist them.

### **A Few Rules**



- ⇒ Let the procession go all the way through the intersection, even if they have a red light and you don't!
- ⇒ RESPECT THE FAMILIES!
- ⇒ Don't cut into or honk at a funeral procession.
- ⇒ Don't cut off a procession.
- ⇒ Don't try to pass a funeral on the right on the highway, unless they are in the far left lane.



## ARBORETUM DONORS 2019

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## SPRING PLANS

You may see Davey Tree Service in our cemeteries as they are doing quite a bit of work for the CCCS. We are also anticipating updating the landscaping by our offices.

Don't forget to mark your calendars:

- \* St. Joseph & St. Mary cemetery gates are open from 8 to 5 p.m. year-round!
- \* On Easter, please visit our cemeteries and see how they reflect our eternal life with God!
- \* Mother's Day, offices are open 10 to 12 p.m. - Memorial Day, offices are open 9 to 12:30 p.m.
- \* Memorial Day Mass will be at 11 a.m.
- \* Don't forget to visit dad on Father's Day!

Be sure to visit our website for genealogy information, [www.cccsohio.org](http://www.cccsohio.org)

## TRAVELING?

Travel has become a way of life for many Americans, as careers and retirement take us to all corners of the country and the world. Inman Shipping Worldwide addresses the needs of an increasingly more mobile society. When death occurs away from home, your family must deal with additional unexpected decisions and expenses. It's difficult and emotional enough without the financial stress. Most people don't realize that the expense involved in transportation services can easily run from \$1,500 to well over \$15,000. If your loved one dies in another country, the difficulty of arranging transportation can be very traumatic at a time when you are already overwhelmed with grief and anxiety.

The Travel Plan by Inman Shipping Worldwide and is designed to give you an extra measure of protection. The Plan is fully guaranteed and the peace of mind it creates is priceless. For a lifetime of protection, a one-time fee and one call guarantees your loved one will be returned if death occurs 100 miles or more away from home. Inman coordinates the transport of the deceased from any part of the world to their final resting place regardless of the distance involved. The emotional state of the survivors would be fully protected. It is a necessity to return the remains of a deceased loved one home. The plan does not cover medical tourism.

To establish your plan, simply submit the Service Agreement Application along with your payment. Once we receive your application and payment we'll send you a copy of: your accepted Service Agreement Application, Information about the Plan, Permanent Identification Card with instructions when service is needed and a Change of Address Form. Please always remember to carry the ID card with you for easy access.

If you need more information, please call toll free 888.889.8508 or contact Steve at 513.557.2306 ext 319.



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### *Serving the Community Since 1843*

- \* Valentine's Day, Make it Special
- \* 2/26 Ash Wednesday
- \* 3/8 Daylight Savings Time, Spring Ahead
- \* Spring has arrived 3/19
- \* 4/12 Easter
- \* Mother's Day 5/10 Father's Day 6/21
- \* Fourth of July, Celebrate the USA!

### **A Lasting Legacy**

Our Arboretum Foundation, 501(c) (3) is a meaningful gift in *honor of* someone or for *someone you want to remember, always*. With a donation of \$600, you can give the gift of a tree or wish to have a boulder engraved. The CCCS will furnish a tree plaque or boulder for your loved one. For families who own in our mausoleums/columbaria, we have a "gift-giving wall" to commemorate your gift.

With these gifts we continue to create new areas, improve and beautify our cemeteries. Please call Stephen Bittner at 513.557.2306 ext. 319 for more information or answers to your questions.

**Please direct your comments/suggestions to:**

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