

## *St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery*

### *Current Cemetery Information & Up Coming Events*

✠ Church concerns with the way some families are not following through with proper burial of cremated remains. Even the Vatican has issues on this matter. There is a process currently in place and even now the parish priest first of all has to apply for permission from the Archbishop prior to a Funeral Mass for cremated remains. The church still prefers the Funeral Mass in the presence of the body of the deceased. The church prefers the actual cremation process to take place following the Funeral Mass.

If a funeral Mass takes place with cremated remains present the burial of cremated remains should take place directly after the funeral Mass, weather permitting. The practice of dividing cremated remains into portions does not display appropriate reverence to the body. If the disposition does not follow church teaching then committal rites can be denied. Father will be discussing these issues with every family where cremation is involved.

The new Provincial Cemetery Governance Board (BAO) is concerned about unsafe monuments in cemeteries in Ontario. If a cemetery monument is slanting or tilting or on the verge of tipping they are asking cemetery boards to contact families to have these monuments re-stabilized or if there are no surviving family members accessible, the monument has to be laid down on the ground. The BAO wants to insure total safety in all cemeteries. Our three cemetery boards will be surveying any monuments of concern in each cemetery. We are asking families if they have concerns or questions regarding any family monument to please contact a cemetery board member for that cemetery. Thank you for your co-operation.