



**Catholic Cemetery Conference  
Memorial Day Program**

**“Serving God and Country:  
A Memorial Day Salute to  
Our Heroes”**

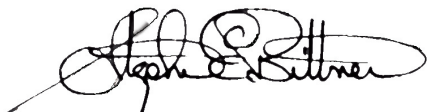
Dear Catholic Cemetery Conference Member:

It is my honor and privilege to announce our annual Memorial Day Program, “Serving God and Country: A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes.” This national campaign is a result of all the hard work and dedication from the entire Catholic Cemetery Conference team: Board Members, Conference staff and most importantly, our CCC membership. More than 1,000 Catholic cemeteries across the United States took part in the 2016 program. We were very encouraged by this positive response, and look forward to building on last year’s success. As we reported, some cemeteries leveraged the national program to significantly expand their existing Memorial Day activities, while others incorporated different elements of the national campaign into existing Memorial Day celebrations.

I personally encourage every Catholic cemetery across the United States to participate in some way in this year’s program. Our goal is for the entire community of Catholic cemeteries to recognize, honor and demonstrate our steadfast commitment to our deserving military. I sincerely hope that every CCC member in your respective arch/diocese/parish cemetery will join us in this year’s Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes.

For additional information, please contact Irene Lazaroski, Catholic Cemetery Conference Executive Director at 315.696.5919, or visit our website [www.CatholicCemeteryConference.org](http://www.CatholicCemeteryConference.org)

Sincerely,



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