



**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS**

... HELPING NEIGHBORS STARTS AT HOME ...

## **Indigent Burials**

### **Burial**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul can ensure that the poor receive a Christian burial at Calvary Cemetery *if the deceased's body is at the hospital*. The indigent burial program is not for the deceased who have been transported to a funeral home. Indigent burials have significant limitations: there is no traditional wake, no funeral for family or loved ones, and no headstone. The funeral home uses a biodegradable coffin which allows the plot to be reused. The family will be given the lot number and plot number to visit their loved one. The cost to the family, Conference, or hospital is typically \$750-1,000.

If the body is still at the hospital or morgue, please direct the hospital staff to request a Burial Form from [programs@svdpstl.org](mailto:programs@svdpstl.org).

The hospital must:

1. Submit Burial form to the Council Office
2. Send a check from the hospital of Conference supporting the request or send money order from the family of the deceased to:
  - a. SVDP, 1310 Papin St., St. Louis, MO 63103, Attn: Programs/Burial

**Please send all documentation to: [programs@svdpstl.org](mailto:programs@svdpstl.org)**

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