

THE HOLY CROSS CEMETERY TRUST PLEDGE FORM

- I have indicated my chosen gift category and would like to discuss how I can make that gift.
- I have enclosed my unrestricted gift.
- I would like to share information regarding family or ancestors buried at Holy Cross Cemetery. I understand the information I share will eventually be included in a future publication of genealogical information.

Please complete and send the Pledge Form to:

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY TRUST
2000 BARRINGTON STREET, SUITE 1306
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA
B3J 3K1

Name: _____

Address: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Family Members: _____

Ancestors: _____



**The cost of full restoration
to this important historical
and ancestral site has been
estimated as \$800,000.**

DID YOU KNOW...

Since its opening in 1843, an estimated 25,000 souls have been buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, many of whom were of Irish descent. This includes historical figures whose contributions to Halifax are memorialized as street names such as Tobin, Swain, Kline and Doyle.

The "Church Built in a Day" - Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel in Holy Cross is a registered historic site. On August 31, 1843, 1800 workers marched from St. Mary's Basilica and under the direction of Archbishop Walsh built the structure in a single day.

Holy Cross Cemetery is also designated as the national historic burial site for Sir John Sparrow David Thompson, former Alderman, MLA, provincial Attorney General, Premier of Nova Scotia, Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, a founder of Dalhousie University Law School, the federal Minister of Justice who introduced the first Criminal Code and the first Catholic Prime Minister of Canada (1892-1894).

Holy Cross Cemetery is also the final resting place for many decorated Halifax war heroes who bravely fought in military campaigns and world wars, including one Halifax native who was awarded the U.S. Medal of Honor.

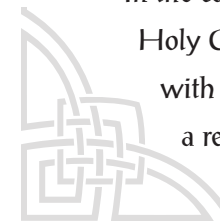


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Holy Cross Cemetery – located at South and South Park Streets is the oldest Catholic Cemetery in Halifax. The site of the "Church Built in a Day;" it is the final resting place for many of the Halifax Irish community who made significant contributions to the life of this city, the province of Nova Scotia and Canada.

Given the importance of Holy Cross to many generations of Irish families, the Charitable Irish Society of Halifax, with the support of Saint Mary's University initiated the research and recording of names and inscriptions on all gravestones within the Cemetery. This information will be made available on an interactive CD, which will serve as a record of Irish history in Halifax and support the genealogical research of Irish families buried at Holy Cross.

In the course of this work, it was discovered that Holy Cross is in a significant state of disrepair with many tombstones fallen or broken as a result of years of neglect, weathering and vandalism.





KEY TRUST INITIATIVES

Made up of members of the Charitable Irish Society of Halifax and An Cumann, the Trust will work with the Catholic Cemeteries Commission to:

Repair and restore all gravestones to an upright and stable position;

Terrace and landscape the hilled section at the back of the Cemetery to correct tilting and toppling gravestones;

Landscape and make ground repairs;

Increase security with improved fencing and lighting;

Repair the main gate and upgrade signage;

Make exterior repairs to the Chapel;

Complete the electronic cataloguing of all those buried at Holy Cross Cemetery and establish a visitor information facility where information would be available for genealogical and historical research.



The Holy Cross Cemetery Trust was established in 2007 to raise funds for the refurbishing and restoration of this important historical site.

TRUST FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Fund raising to support this important work will involve submissions to all levels of government, including departments and organizations involved in the restoration and upkeep of historically significant sites.

To be fully successful, the Trust must also receive support from those who care about Irish history in Halifax and those who have family members or ancestors buried at Holy Cross Cemetery.



WHY MAKE A GIFT IN SUPPORT OF THE TRUST?

You need only walk the grounds of Holy Cross to see the extent of the restoration that is needed. Your gift will help restore this significant historical treasure and honour the memory of the founding citizens of Halifax.

GIFT OPTIONS

There are a number of different ways to give to the Holy Cross Cemetery Trust. Income tax receipts will be provided with all options with the exception of volunteer support.

Please indicate the type of gift you wish to make by checking the appropriate box below and completing the attached pledge form.

UNRESTRICTED GIFT:

This permits the Trust the flexibility to determine where the gift will make the most difference in completing the many projects associated with the complete restoration and preservation of Holy Cross Cemetery.

DESIGNATED GIFT:

A donation given for a specific project within the cemetery for which you wish to have your name associated. (see Key Trust Initiatives).

PLANNED GIVING FOR THE FUTURE:

A gift over a number of years, or a deferred future gift to the Trust which you could leave in your name, or in the name of family or ancestors buried at Holy Cross.

GIFTS-IN-KIND:

Provide a gift of equipment, materials, services or securities. Tax receipts will be based on the fair market value of the gift.

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT:

Volunteer your time in support of the many projects to restore Holy Cross Cemetery to a respectable condition.