



ACCIDENT REPORTED AT SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY

While reading this past Tuesday's edition of the Hazleton Standard Speaker, I was surprised to see reported that an accident took place on the 14th Street side of our Parish Cemetery. A driver lost control of his vehicle, knocking down several grave markers in his path. The car was removed after the accident occurred. This was never reported to me after it had occurred.

To date, however, I have not received either verbal or written information concerning the accident from the Hazleton City Police Department. After placing a call on Wednesday, I was told by the Police Department, that it will take seven to ten days to request or receive an official accident report, although this answer surprised me, I will do this as soon as possible to find out the details surrounding the incident as well as for Diocesan insurance purposes.

In the meantime, I have contacted the Property and Risk Management Office of the Diocese to report the situation. I am preparing to submit a proposal, for their approval and the release of insurance funds, to begin restoring the damaged area.

It is my intention to have this work commence as soon as possible to maintain the integrity of the fence which encloses the Cemetery and fix the graves of the deceased individuals who were affected.

Further information will be provided as needed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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