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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Cemetery Management Workshops. Your commitment to keep Catholic cemeteries as sacred places, where the beloved dead are remembered in prayer and the mystery of human suffering and death are transformed by Christ's Resurrection, is so needed in an increasingly secular world.

As your bishop, I wish to extend my deepest appreciation for you – the cemetery trustee, volunteer, bookkeeper, manager, or all of the above – who wear so many hats as you carry out this Corporal Work of Mercy. Many, many hours are volunteered, often behind the scenes and without recognition. Thank you for the service and ministry you offer our people, and may God continue to bless you with his grace and great love!

Be assured of my prayers for you during this holy season and I extend to all of you, good wishes for a happy, healthy and holy 2018! May the pilgrimage of a new year be filled with blessings and may faith in Jesus Christ guide our steps each day. Thank you again, to each of you, for your faithful service and your dedication to our Catholic cemeteries.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. John M. Quinn
Bishop of Winona