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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings of Peace! What a grace it is for me to welcome you to the Cemetery Management Workshops. It is our common task to be of loving service to God's People who live in these 20 counties of southern Minnesota which comprise the Diocese of Winona. This is our "local Church", and I am blessed to serve as its shepherd and to work with you in the service of Christ's Church. Thank you for everything you do in support of my ministry and the ministry of the Diocese of Winona – *I am sincerely grateful!*

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!

In closing, I say "Thank you!" again to each of you for your faithful service and your dedication. Be assured of my prayers for you and for the success of the workshops.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. John M. Quinn

Bishop of Winona