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STEVE BITTNER APPOINTED TO CCMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES



August 25, 2017 - Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science Board of Trustee Chairperson, Frank Rosenacker, announced appointment of Mr. Stephen E. Bittner, Certified Catholic Cemetery Executive (CCCE) and Certified Cemetery Executive (CCE), to the college's Board of Trustees. "Steve's wealth of experience and knowledge as a death care professional adds strength and diversity to an already strong Board of Trustees" said Jack Lechner, President of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. Lechner said "Steve's executive experience and commitment to serving the needs of bereaved families are a perfect fit for the Board".

Mr. Bittner is President of Cincinnati Catholic Cemetery Society (CCCS) which owns and operates St. John, St. Mary, and St. Joseph Cemeteries, and manages two other cemetery properties and selling for a third. Steve is also the Vice-President of the Catholic Family Security Association, an organization which promotes and sells final funeral expense insurance.

Steve has been employed by the Society for 50 years starting in 1967 working on the grounds. He has held the positions of Superintendent of St. Joseph (1973-1980), Superintendent of St. Mary and St. John Cemeteries (1980-1991) and the Business Manager of the CCCS (1991-1993). Steve was promoted to Chief Operating Officer of the Society in January 1993 and was elected to the Board of Directors in March 1995. Steve was named President of the Cincinnati Catholic Cemetery Society (CCCS) in January 1999.

Steve stays involved at the state level, where he serves as a Past President of the Catholic Cemeteries of Ohio and is presently a member of their Legislative Committee. Steve also served three terms for the Governor, on the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission that helps regulate cemeteries. Internationally, Steve is the President for the Catholic Cemetery Conference (CCC). Steve also teaches classes for the CCC membership at the University of Notre Dame. Steve is also a past board member of the International Cemetery and Funeral Association. In 1996, Steve was awarded the designations of CCCE & CCE by both international organizations.

Steve continues to find time to stay involved in coaching basketball, spending the past 47 years in this sport, of which the last 28 years have been at the varsity high school level in both girl's and boy's programs. Steve presently is an assistant head coach for the men's basketball program at Oak Hills High School. In 2000, Steve received the Roger Bacon High School Basketball Hall of Fame Award for coaching girls' basketball. Steve also coached in AAU for many years, where his girls' basketball team won the 15-year-old National Championship in 1998 and again won the National Championship in 1999 in the 16-year-old division.

Steve and Debbie have been married for 45 years and are blessed with four wonderful children, 2-daughter-in-laws, 2 grandsons, and 3 granddaughters!

"The Lord does not promise tomorrow, so utilize your talents to the best of your abilities each day!"

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