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Church must respect memories

A church is a house of worship and home to precious memories. Ask anyone who sits down to pray and they'll tell you about the donations made in the memory of loved ones. (Sometimes your mind, and eye, wander to all the items filling the church. It gives the room life, a history, a memory.)

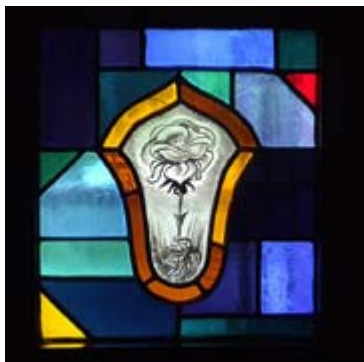
You contemplate those gold plaques as the morning sun beams through stained glass windows casting purple and red shadows on the rug. You thank Mr. and Dr. and mother and daughter named to honor this view.

People donate all sorts of items to remember the soul of the one who was lost.

Now that the Catholic church of Boston is shutting down parishes, people are asking what will happen to all the items inside.

I think every article donated should be given back to the families so they can give them a new home where they see fit.

[That's the story today out of St. Jeremiah's in Framingham](#) where an 89-year-old mother now living in South Carolina wants to save a stained-glass window panel (at left) dedicated in memory of her son.



If survivors choose to give the items to new churches, so be it. If they want to place them in their own homes, I support that, too.

You can never replace a memory and you should respect it. The church leaders need to promise all the aging mothers and loving sisters that heartfelt donations will be given new homes -- soon -- or given back.

Read this story and tell me what you think.

FEEDBACK: Here's an opinion to today's topic e-mailed to me at joed@cnc.com:

(I) feel badly for the parishioners at St. J, but we all in our lifetime gave donations to the church and when they built a new church, we didn't ask for the donation back. If I gave you a new pair (of) gloves, Joe, I wouldn't ask for them back. That is good ethics and we have to remember that. It is not the diocese's fault that things change. The reconfiguration committee had things to say, maybe even some from your parish.....

I just pray for these folks and hope they have some closure and get on with their lives.

God in his time will show them the way.

Dee"



Joe Dwinell

When news broke in my teen years that an international airport was going to be built on my street, I rushed home every day to read the newspaper. "Our house is at the end of a runway," my amazed dad said one day after a map of the project filled the front page.

Jumbo jets rocking me to sleep wasn't the idyllic suburban setting I envisioned. The airport never materialized, thankfully, but an insatiable itch to know what is going on did. Today, I am the senior managing editor at [The MetroWest Daily News](#) in Framingham, Mass. I also write a weekly column and appear on "The Ten O'clock News" on Boston's [WB56](#) four nights a week, where I highlight a hot story out of Greater Boston.

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