

St. Richard Catholic Church Columbarium

Our Columbarium

The proposed Columbarium of St. Richard Church will offer our parishioners and their immediately family a peaceful, beautiful setting for the perpetual care of their cremated remains on our church grounds. A secure, safe and clean environment in a courtyard setting of reverence and solitude will be provided.

The columbarium will contain niches for urns suitable for cremated remains. Each niche will provide space for two urns. On special occasions, liturgies will be celebrated in the columbarium courtyard in memory of those parishioners who have departed.

A full liturgy of the funeral Mass, with a procession to the columbarium courtyard followed by the rite of Committal, will signify that even in death our members remain with us. Death may alter our relationship with our community, but it does not end the relationship.

Who can be buried in the Columbarium?

The columbarium is reserved for the use of St. Richard Church present and former parishioners, and immediate family, in good standing with the Church according to Canon Law (CA 1183-1184) and as defined by the Columbarium Rules and Regulations.

Who will assist in arranging for burial?

Our parish has established a Columbarium Committee who will be trained to assist you in planning for your or your family member's inurnment. They will be able to answer any of your questions.

What is the size of the niche?

The niches will be 12" x 12" x 12" and can accommodate two urns. Information packets offer more specifics on location. Niches will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.

Is Cremation more expensive than Traditional Burial?

Cremation is actually less expensive for the equivalent funeral arrangements than burial in a Cemetery. Why? There are several items and services that are not

required for Cremation that are required for Burial in a Cemetery.

- Caskets generally cost between \$2,000 and \$10,000
- Burial Vault cost is between \$1,500 and \$2,000
- Grave opening and closing, tent, transportation and chair set-up at grave site costs are between \$1,200 and \$2,000
- Grave markers cost between \$500 and \$2,000
- Plot cost and the Niche cost are similar in most locations
- Urns generally cost from \$50 to \$1,000

Is it possible to have the body present at the funeral?

Yes. The body can be placed in a rental casket and cremated after the funeral.

Is Cremation against the teachings of the Catholic Church?

No. Today, the Catholic Church recognizes and supports Cremation for Catholics by extending its liturgies and rites to all Catholics regardless of burial or Cremation.

Does choosing Cremation restrict in any way your preferred choices for how you would like your Visitation and Funeral services to be handled?

No. Visitation and Funeral services can be handled in the same manner regardless of final placement in a Columbarium or Burial in a cemetery.