

Cremation is a common choice for those making end-of-life decisions. The choice of cremation, though, leads to another choice: what will be done with the cremated remains? As cremation increases in popularity, columbaria are becoming an increasingly common resting place for the cremains of loved ones.

Urns are decorative personal containers purposed for storing the cremated remains of loved ones. Often, they are personalized to honor the legacy of the individual. Interment in a columbarium involves the placement of an urn into a niche.

Niches, as discussed, are the compartments within the columbarium. Most niches are designed to store one or two urns.

Many people don't realize the significance of choosing a final resting place. It is an important step in creating a family legacy, establishing a place of remembrance for future generations and paying tribute to a special life.

As you consider end-of-life options for yourself or a loved one, take the time to gather all of the information you'll need to make the best decision. If you unsure whether cremation or a traditional burial is right for you, let us help.

## Pricing of a Columbarium Niche:

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**\$2250.00**

Price includes the engraved plaque with Name , DOB and DOD

Price does NOT include Urn or all costs of opening and closing of the Niche at the time of inurnment.



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### Calvary Cemetery

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### Columbarium Information

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*"Ashes to Ashes,  
Dust to Dust"*



### What is a Columbarium?

A columbarium is a special place on church grounds (our cemetery is Church grounds) for the inurnment of ashes of deceased church members and their immediate families. Columbarium is Latin for a nesting place for doves. For centuries, the dove has symbolized the Holy Spirit. Early Christians, therefore, associated the small compartments occupied by domesticated doves with storage facilities for cremated remains of their loved ones and friends. It is a garden area that is a quiet and serene place in which to honor the deceased members of the church and their families to contemplate, reflect and pray.

### Cannon Law States:

Can. 1176 §3. The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the deceased be observed; nevertheless,

**the Church does not**  
**prohibit cremation**

*unless it was chosen for reasons  
contrary to Christian doctrine.*

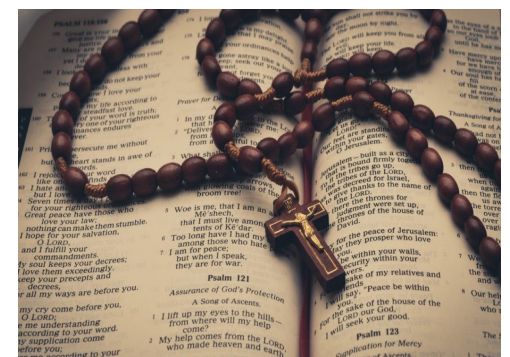
***“Calvary Cemetery does  
not rely on Church  
funds to operate”***

### Where does the Church Stand?

The Church teaches that we place the same respect to cremated remains as those given to full-body interments. As soon as possible after the cremation, our remains should be interred or entombed (in whole) within the consecrated grounds of the Catholic Cemeteries.

### Why have a Columbarium?

A Columbarium houses burial chambers in which cremated remains are placed in a niche. Each niche identifies the person’s name just as a monument does for a burial site. A columbarium burial in no way changes funeral services or memorial services for the deceased. This is just an alternative to the ground burial. Placing the ashes of the deceased in a niche in the Columbarium is a respectful, simple way to show honor to a deceased love one. A Columbarium offers an environmentally sensitive solution to the traditional ground burial, therefore, extending the life of an existing cemetery.



*“As Catholic we believe that death is not an end but the beginning of a new life”*