



Respect and Reverence

The teachings of the Catholic Church call for gatherings, prayer and rituals from the Order of Christian Funerals. Final disposition is the act of placing the cremated remains in a cemetery. The burial place should be reverent, public, documented, marked and maintained.

Mingling, dividing up, scattering on water or land are NOT in keeping with the Church's teaching. Burial at sea means placing the cremated remains inside a container and then into the deep, not scattering atop the water. Putting cremated remains into a locket or using them as "raw material" to create an object is not proper. Sometimes the short-term desire for a "send-off" that is customized and personalized overwhelms a long-term view based on remembrance, permanence, and prayer.

The Lumen Christi Cemetery offers two choices for cremated remains where all this is possible. Urns can be buried in the ground in full or partial graves. Urns can also be placed in above ground niches in our columbarium.

At the Lumen Christi Cemetery, the dimension of community is expressed. We hope to maintain an awareness of the Resurrection and its future hope. A Catholic cemetery is not just a graveyard, but also a place where the living and the dead together bring about a communion of saints.



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Cemetery

Columbarium Information





Two Columbaria

Lumen Christi is pleased to offer an option for 'burial' of cremains in our cemetery. Our two columbaria are granite above ground structures that contain uniform spaces called niches where cremations are placed to rest. The columbaria are located in our cemetery along Mequon Road and each has 42 niches which open into the cemetery (facing south). One of the structures has an etching of the Good Shepherd and the other has the Blessed Mother etched on it.

Inurnment and Recording Information

Inurnment requests need to be arranged at least 48 hours prior to the expected burial. This information can be furnished directly to the parish office or through a funeral home.

If you are interested in purchasing a niche or would like more information, please contact the Director of Finance at 262-242-7967.

Additional Considerations

Crematory urns must conform to the size restrictions of the niche:

12" high x 12" wide x 14" deep

A maximum of two urns are allowed for each niche.

Our purchase cost per niche is \$2,700

Inscription Rates

Inscription rates are paid for at the time of the niche purchase. Current prices will be explained by the cemetery administrator at the time of the niche purchase.

Special Attachments

If qualified, veterans will receive free military service emblems, attached to the front of the niche.

Niche Regulations

No objects of any kind may be attached to or placed in close proximity to the columbarium. This includes, but is not limited to, pictures, flowers, vases, dolls, or artifacts of any kind. Any such objects will be removed.

Lumen Christi will maintain the surrounding space with appropriate landscaping.

Cremation and the Catholic Church

From 1886 to 1963 the practice of cremation was forbidden for Roman Catholics around the world. In the spirit of Vatican Council II, the practice was restored in 1963. Nevertheless, over 40 years later, uncertainty regarding cremation remains prevalent among Catholics.

Yes, Catholics can choose to be cremated. The revised Code of Canon Law (1983) states: *The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burial be retained; but it does not forbid cremation, unless this is chosen for reasons which are contrary to Church teaching* (Canon 1176, paragraph 3). Obviously, denial of Resurrection of the body or an attachment to non-Christian (secular or religious) beliefs would be contrary to Christian teaching.

The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.

(Reflections on the Body, Cremation, and Catholic Funeral Rites: A Statement by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States, 1997, paragraph 417)