

Losing a loved one is often one of life's most difficult and painful events. Catholic Cemeteries is here to support your family's spiritual needs before, during, and after the loss of a loved one.

Burying the cremated remains of a departed loved one is a unique experience that will require advanced planning and coordination with Catholic Cemeteries. Whether you need to arrange a cremation service now, or you are planning ahead for yourself or someone else, this guide will help you plan and make informed choices.

For further assistance, please call the Catholic Cemeteries main office at **866-773-7526** or visit online at **www.rcancem.org**.

Planning a Service for the Cremated Remains of a Loved One



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† Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington	888-467-8903
† Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover	888-459-0746
† Saint Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia	888-444-2791
† Maryrest Cemetery, Mahwah	888-489-9095
† Holy Name Cemetery, Jersey City	888-621-0337
† Christ the King Cemetery, Franklin Lakes	888-802-2933
† Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, East Orange	888-497-4769
† Mount Carmel Cemetery, Tenafly	201-569-8727



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The Selection Process

The selection of a final resting place in our comfortable, peaceful office setting is easy and typically takes less than an hour to complete.

An experienced Memorial Planning Advisor is available to guide you through the selection process.

Call for a convenient appointment or just stop in. Our Memorial Planning Advisors are waiting to assist you.



Purchasing a Cremation Urn ~ Cremation Urns may be purchased through Catholic Cemeteries or a third party. If the urn is purchased through a third party, it is highly recommended that the urn's dimensions and type be verified and approved by our staff to ensure proper fit in the selected interment space.

Selecting a Final Resting Place

Catholic Cemeteries offers a variety of memorial options for the interment of cremated remains in our beautiful, inviting and faith-filled atmosphere.

- ◆ **Glass Front Niches** - Elegant above-ground urn spaces with see-through beveled glass fronts located inside our magnificent chapel mausoleums.
- ◆ **Granite/Marble Front Niches** - Interior or exterior above-ground urn spaces with bold, raised, bronze lettering.
- ◆ **Cremation Graves** - In-ground burial specifically for cremated remains utilizing a cemetery approved outer burial container.
- ◆ **Right of an Inurnment** - If space allows, an additional interment right into an existing grave or crypt may be acquired with cemetery approval and owner consent.

For more information on available options, visit www.rcancem.org or contact the office of a Catholic cemetery of your choice.



KEEPING THEM AT HOME?

Keeping cremated remains at home may be a sign of love and grief, but family members may not understand that the departed loved one now belongs to the entire community of faith and not just to his or her closest relatives.

If you are holding the human cremated remains of a loved one at home, whether they departed recently or many years ago, consider bringing them to a Catholic cemetery. The dignified and permanent interment of a Catholic's cremated remains in a sacred place properly recognizes the Order of Christian Funerals.

Placing cremated remains in a sacred place also prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten or from being shown a lack of respect. This is more likely to happen as time goes on and family members closest to the departed also pass away.

The promise of Catholic Cemeteries is to provide a dignified, permanent and sacred resting place for your loved one, whatever your needs. Speak with a trained Memorial Planning Advisor today. Stop by, call, or visit online to watch our video at www.rcancem.org.



CONSIDER PRE-PLANNING YOUR MEMORIAL OPTIONS

Planning your cemetery arrangements ahead shows care and concern for your family and loved ones and relieves them of tough decisions during a difficult time. Consider the advantages of planning today:

- ◆ **Family Heritage** - make certain your loved ones are together
- ◆ **Peace of Mind** - know you will ease your family's burden during a difficult and painful time
- ◆ **Assurance** - ensure arrangements are set according to your wishes
- ◆ **Statement of Faith** - burial in the consecrated ground of a Catholic cemetery allows you to share your faith values and belief in the resurrection with future generations of your family. This legacy of faith is your gift to them.



The Catholic Way: The Order of Christian Funerals

The Catholic funeral rite is divided into three parts: the **Vigil (Wake)**, the **Funeral Mass**, and the **Rite of Committal**. These meaningful Church rituals guide our Catholic family at the time of loss.

If cremation is chosen as the body's final disposition, cremation should take place after the Funeral Mass since funeral rites are designed to be celebrated in the body's presence.

To help our Catholic community during this difficult and often confusing time, a free 6-minute video, "Many Travelers, One Journey," is available in English or Spanish. Watch online at www.rcancem.org/ocf



Did You Know?

Instruction from Pope Francis restates the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the Church's burial preference for the remains of the faithful. The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased because this shows a greater esteem towards the departed. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian faith.



Cremated remains of the faithful departed should not be scattered, or kept in one's home, nor should they be divided among family members.

When cremation of the body has been chosen, the human cremated remains of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, such as a cemetery. This helps to ensure that due respect is shown to the faithful departed and that they are included in the prayers and remembrance of their family and the Catholic community.

Scheduling a Service

If you have opted to move forward with the cremation interment with or without a funeral director, the cemetery staff will guide you through the interment process.

To schedule a service, contact the cemetery office **a minimum of two (2) days prior to the intended interment date** with the following information:

- Name of the departed loved one
- Location of the final resting place
- Relation of the departed to the lot owner
- Name, telephone and e-mail of responsible party
- Day and time of requested interment
- Date of death
- Type of urn and exterior dimensions to ensure proper fit
- Name and telephone of funeral home, if applicable



Day of Service Reminders

The individual making cemetery arrangements should arrive 10 minutes prior to the pre-arranged service. Use the following checklist as a reference of what will be required the day of the service.

- Cremated remains of loved one in a suitable container
- Interment authorization form
- Original cremation certificate
- Certificate of Right of Interment
- Payment of any remaining fees
- Ask family/friends to meet in a pre-designated area; upon everyone's arrival, you will be escorted to the interment site
- We kindly ask you to be on time, as other family services are scheduled

For your convenience, our **Continuing the Journey... Preparing a Catholic Funeral** planning guide includes a Practical Preparation checklist and other valuable information. The free guide is available on our website at www.rcancem.org/ocf.



The Committal Service

The Rite of Committal in the Order of Christian Funerals is committing the cremated remains of the body to its final resting place. These farewell prayers are an expression of the communion that exists between the Church on earth and the Church in heaven.

Depending on the location of the final resting place, the committal service will be scheduled in the chapel or at the graveside.

Chapel Service

Chapel committal services take place in our Mausoleum Chapel. Please remember that the Mausoleum Chapels are designed for the final committal service only.

Graveside Service

Graveside committal services take place at the site of the interment. If inclement weather is expected, the Saint Mother Teresa Gazebo (where available) is nearby to protect visitors from the elements during a service.

The Catholic Cemeteries Online

For a full listing of Catholic Cemetery locations, the *Continuing the Journey* planning guide, and other cremation planning resources, visit www.rcancem.org



Let us pray

Prayers at the Committal Service

To assist in planning a prayerful committal service, a sample of prayers and readings is provided in the free **Continuing the Journey** planning booklet available online at www.rcancem.org.

Other Considerations

Following are some, but not all, arrangements your family may need to complete for the burial or entombment of your departed loved one:

- Contact your church or parish for a Funeral Mass.
- If you wish to have your clergy present at time of interment, contact your church directly for arrangements.
- Arrange the date and time of the service.
- Provide all necessary cemetery paperwork including a cremation certificate.
- Contact family and friends with the details of the committal service including the scheduled start time.
- Arrange the repast for family & friends after the committal service.
- Consider pre-planning your memorial options if you have not made prior arrangements.