

Selecting a Final Resting Place

Whether you prefer a traditional in ground burial, or an entombment in a mausoleum, the Catholic Cemeteries offers a variety of different options for interring cremated remains.

- **Cremation Graves**– In ground burial places sized specifically for cremated remains burial. An approved outer burial container may be required to protect the cremated remains once placed in the ground. If the cremated remains are in an approved direct burial urn, an outer burial container is not required.
- **Niches**– Above ground burial places with single and double cremation options. (Maximum Urn Size 10 x 10 x 10)
- **Glass front Niches**– Above ground burial places with a glass front which allows you to view the urn inside. (Contact the cemetery for size requirements)
- **Multiple Interment**– If space allows and an authorization document is provided to the cemetery, a grave or crypt with a previous burial may be used for a multiple interment of cremated remains. TWO permissions are required, although often they are the same person. One permission is that of the Easement Holder or sole surviving heirs of easement holder. The second permission is the nearest relation of the deceased (next of kin) in whose grave or crypt the multiple interment is to be made.

Multiple Interment in a full size grave has the same urn requirements of a cremation grave.

Multiple Interment in a crypt is only possible when using the smallest available urn or a multiple interment crypt urn.

Please visit www.CatholicCemeteriesChicago.org/Cremation or contact the office of the cemetery of your choosing for more information on the options that are available for your selection.



Top: Niche portraits are available for above ground cremated remains burial.

Middle: Above ground niches in St. Casimir Cemetery.

Bottom: Glass front niches in the Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum.

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The Catholic Cemeteries & Cremation

The Catholic funeral rite is divided into several stations, the Vigil Service or Wake, the Funeral Liturgy, and the Rite of Committal. Upon conclusion of the Vigil Service and Funeral Liturgy, burying the cremated remains of a loved one is a unique experience that will require advanced planning and coordination with the Catholic Cemeteries.

A Licensed Funeral Director can assist and take care of most, if not all of the details of planning a cremated remains burial. *We encourage families to consult with their Funeral Director about the services they can provide.*

While it is not a requirement to use a Funeral Director, doing so makes arranging the cemetery services easier for the family.

For assistance with contacting the cemetery office of your choosing, please call the Catholic Cemeteries at 708-449-6100 or visit our website at www.CatholicCemeteriesChicago.org/Cemeteries.

These are some, but not all items your family may need to complete for the burial or entombment of cremated remains.

- Arranging the date and time of the service.
- Contacting family members and friends with the time and place of the committal service.
- Placing a death notice in a local paper.
- Contacting the church for a Funeral Mass.
- Arranging the funeral luncheon after the committal service for family & friends.
- Completing all necessary paperwork with the cemetery (cremation certificate, burial permit, permissions if needed).

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PLANNING A CREMATED REMAINS SERVICE



The Selection Process...

The selection of a final resting place typically takes an hour to complete.

While not required, it is recommended that you contact the cemetery office ahead of time so they may prepare for your arrival.

An experienced Service Representative will guide you through the process of selecting a final resting place.



"Final Wishes" Family Record Booklet



Scheduling a Cremated Remains Service

To schedule a service, contact the office a **minimum of three working days prior to the intended date of burial** with the following information:

- Name and address of the deceased.
- Relation of the deceased to the lot owner.
- Dates of birth and death of the deceased.
- Day and time of interment.
- Location of the final resting place.
- Choice of **Graveside** or **Chapel** service.
- Type and size of urn or cremated remains container.
- Name and phone number of person making the arrangements.
- Name and phone number of the funeral home or crematory.

The image shows a 'Cremated Remains Service Planning Guide' form. It is divided into sections: 'Personal Information', 'Deceased', 'Interment Information', and 'Day of Service'. The 'Personal Information' section includes fields for Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and E-Mail Address. The 'Deceased' section includes Name of Deceased, Date of Birth, Date of Death, Sex, and Religion. The 'Interment Information' section includes 'Committal Service' (Chapel or Graveside), 'Container Type' (Urn or Cremated Remains), and 'Urn Manufacturer and Model'. The 'Day of Service' section includes checkboxes for 'Cremated Remains', 'Written Burial Authorization', 'Copy of cremation certificate', and 'Payment of any remaining fees'. There is also a 'Checklist' section with instructions for the day of the service.

www.CatholicCemeteriesChicago.org/PlanningGuide

For your convenience, a planning guide showing all the information we require is available on our website. We strongly suggest filling it out before calling to schedule the burial service.

The Catholic Cemeteries Online

For a full listing of Catholic Cemetery locations, the Cremation Service planning guide, and other cremation planning resources, please visit

www.CatholicCemeteriesChicago.org



Day of the Service

The person making the arrangements should arrive 20 to 30 minutes prior to the service. Use the following checklist as a reference of what will be expected from you on the day of the service.

- Cremated Remains
- Written burial authorization
- Copy of Cremation Authorization/Affidavit from Crematorium
- Payment of any remaining fees

Designate a person (pall bearer) to carry the remains to the committal service.

We request that family and friends meet at the cemetery office. Once everyone has gathered, they will be directed to the graveside or chapel for the committal service.

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



Where to Hold the Committal Service

Chapel or Graveside

The Committal Service can take place at the interment chapel or at the graveside.

Chapel Service

Chapel committal services take place in our interment chapel. They allow for protection from the elements during your service.

If you choose to hold the committal service indoors in our interment chapel, select Chapel service.

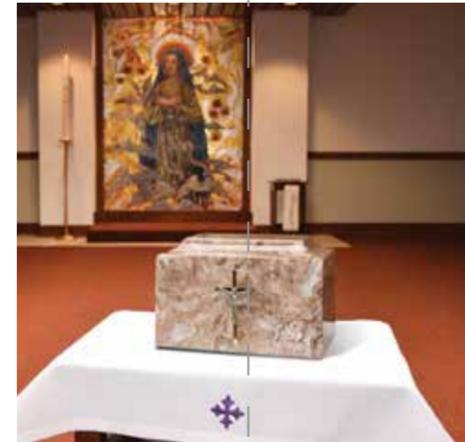
Please remember that the interment chapels are designed for the final committal service only, and are not meant to provide a space for a memorial service. Limited seating is available.

Graveside Service

Graveside committal services take place at the site of the burial or entombment.

If you choose to hold the committal service outdoors at the grave site, select Graveside service.

If an in-ground burial is selected, an approved outer burial container may be required.



Prayers at the Committal Service

The final act of 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; those who need faith no longer, but can see God face to face.

To assist in planning a prayerful cremation committal service, we have provided a sample of prayers and readings. Please visit www.CatholicCemeteriesChicago.org/RiteofCommittal.



Some Items to Consider

The Catholic Cemeteries do not provide the amenities of a traditional funeral home. Our interment chapels are to be used for the committal service only. If you require a traditional funeral service, we ask that you consider contacting a local Funeral Director.

A committal service at the Catholic Cemeteries is normally 15-20 minutes in length. If you wish to have a funeral mass or memorial service, please contact the Parish or funeral home of your choice.

Chairs and tents are not allowed at graveside services.

Since outer burial containers, niches, and crypts vary in size, accurate measurements of the urn or cremated remains container are required before the burial takes place. Any irregular or cubed shaped urns should be measured at the widest points in height, length, and width. **If you are uncertain that the urn will fit our niche or outer container, the urn should be brought to the cemetery office to be checked by the staff at no additional cost.**

Saturday is the most active day for funerals, including cremation burials. Interment fees for Saturday burials are slightly higher than during the week and we encourage scheduling between 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. to give the cemetery the best opportunity to service your needs. There is an additional charge for funerals arriving after 1:00 p.m.

We do not have clergy on staff at the cemetery.

We can provide a list of priests or deacons that you can make arrangements with to officiate at the cemetery committal service. Clergy are normally offered a stipend for their services by the family.

A family may conduct their own committal service.

A prayer guide for use at a committal service is available on our website, and at the cemetery upon request. Your parish can help you design a unique experience for your Catholic Committal Service.