



Archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries

Cremation Interments in Existing and Historical Cemetery Plots Internal Policy, Cemetery Staff

1. INTENT OF THE DIRECTIVE

To outline the rules and regulations for cremation interments in existing and historical plots for the Archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries (Internal), Gate of Heaven, Mount Olivet and Holy Cross.

2. POLICY

- Cremation interments need to be approved and permission granted by the original interment rights holder of the respective cemetery plot. Once the original interment rights holder is deceased no further interments will be approved.
 - a. Cremation interments will be given special approval if previous permission and or pre-payment was arranged through the Archdiocesan Cemetery Office.
- A maximum of two (2) cremation interments are permitted in a single plot with or without an existing traditional burial.
 - a. Cremation interments exceeding the maximum number of two (2) will be given special approval if previous permission and or pre-payment was arranged through the Archdiocesan Cemetery Office.
- Cremation interments must have separate burials if multiple cremated remains are to be interred at one time.
- Cremation interments shall be subject to the current Archdiocesan fee schedule and regulations.
- Cremation interments in existing or historical plots shall be subject to an Opening and Closing Fee and a Care and Maintenance Fee.
 - a. If the existing or historical plot is vacant then the Care and Maintenance Fee will be waived.
- Cremation interments are only permitted once the account is paid in full.
- Cremation interments are only permitted once an official cremation certificate has been received by the Archdiocesan Cemetery Office or a delegate.
- Scattering of human cremated remains is prohibited in any Archdiocesan cemeteries.
- Cremation interments are prohibited in the Range Section of any Archdiocesan cemeteries.
- Plots purchased previous to 1970 are not permitted cremation interments.
 - a. If plots purchased previous to 1970 are vacant then special approval will be granted by the Archdiocesan Cemetery Office.
 - b. Cremation interments will be given special approval if previous permission and or pre-payment was arranged through the Archdiocesan Cemetery Office.



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- Human cremated remains must be interred in a cremation urn or similar receptacle no larger than 16”x 12”.
 - a. A cremation vault shall be permitted for the interment of a cremation urn or receptacle.
 - b. A cremation companion urn shall be permitted for the interment of human cremated remains.
- Any cremation interment conducted without approval from the Archdiocesan Cemetery Office shall be subject to a dis-interment and the human cremated remains returned to the next of kin or informant.
- All cremation interments shall be conducted by an authorized Archdiocesan cemetery employee.
- Interment of animal cremated remains is prohibited in all Archdiocesan cemeteries.

3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- Interment – burial of human remains, be that cremated or full body.
- Interment Rights Holder – The person with rights and authority for interment in a respective cemetery plot.
- Dis-interment – The removal of human remains, be that cremated or full body, from a cemetery plot.
- Range Section – Burial section denoting plots which were provided for interment for those unable to purchase a cemetery plot.
- Cremation Companion Urn – A cremation urn which is designed to house two (2) sets of human cremated remains.

4. EXCEPTIONS

- Any exceptions to this policy are reserved to the Manager, Catholic Cemeteries or their delegate.

5. REVIEW PERIOD

- This policy shall be reviewed every five (5) years.

Effective December 1, 2024 under the authority of the Manager, Catholic Cemeteries on behalf of
Archbishop Brian J. Dunn.

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