

## BURIAL IN A COLUMBARIA

In the past decade the number of people who have chosen cremation as part of their funeral rites has quadrupled. As a response to this most cemeteries have established sites for the erection of a Columbaria for the interment of ashes.

In the Middle Ages some had begun to posit a belief that there was no resurrection of the body and their way of expressing that belief was to have their bodies burned at the time of their death. In response the Catholic Church prohibited the cremation of bodies so that there would be no confusion that we do believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Many years ago the Church relaxed the prohibition on cremation due to the fact that today cremation is not used as a sign of disbelief in the resurrection of the body. In our Faith we believe that no matter the condition of our mortal bodies after a decade or a century of death the Lord Jesus will bring our bodies to some form of glorified state on the day of our resurrection. For as St. Paul says: "We who have died with Him will also live with Him."

By the end of June (or early July) 2016, there will be two Columbaria erected in St. Edward Cemetery in the area around the statue of St. Anthony with 48 niches for urns in each.

Since the Church views our human bodies as the Temple of the Holy Spirit the laws of the Church do not allow for the scattering of cremains. They are to be kept together and properly buried.

## BENEFITS OF BURIAL IN A COLUMBARIA

### Financial Considerations:

| TRADITIONAL BURIAL   | CREMATION BURIAL  |
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| Purchase of Cemetery lot:<br>\$800   | Cost of a Niche (includes Niche and Opening Fee):                             |
| Opening at time of burial:<br>Full Casket: \$925<br>Cremains: \$400                      | \$1,500 for one urn<br>\$1,800 for two urns                                   |
| Monument:<br>upright: \$2,000-\$3,000<br>flush marker: \$400                             | No monument needed  |
| Foundation for Monument or Marker:<br>\$300-\$400<br>(Inscription costs are additional.) | No foundation needed.<br><br>(Inscription cost on Niche front is additional.) |

### SUMMARY OF CEMETERY FEES:

Traditional in ground burial:                      Columbaria burial:  
 @\$2,300 to \$5,000                                      \$1,500 to \$1,800  
**for each burial**