

Coming Home to Sacred Ground

No one likes to think about death, let alone plan for it. Many have not yet considered their final resting place. Often time that decision is left to the surviving spouse or children, and needs to be made at a difficult time of great stress and grief. Perhaps now is the time for you to make plans about an appropriate resting place and relieve your family of having to make that decision later.

St. Martin of Tours Parish Cemetery has always offered earth burial for casketed remains. However, an increasing number of people are choosing cremation. The economical interment and memorialization of cremated remains in a beautiful, peaceful and prayerful setting is a growing need. Therefore, St. Martin's is undertaking to build an attractive, yet economical alternative to the earth burial of cremated remains, called a columbarium.



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Franklin's only Catholic Cemetery

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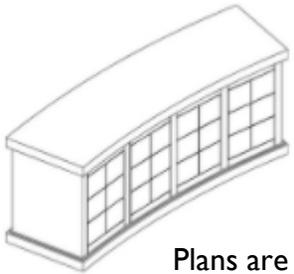


Example of type of unit to be constructed

Columbarium



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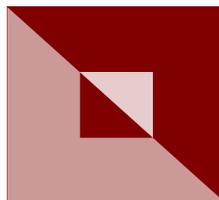


Plans are for 2 units to be built with 48 niches in each unit (24 per side)



Interior of niche, designed to hold up to 2 urns (12"x12"x16" deep)

- ◆ The columbarium niche is an affordable, dignified and permanent final resting place and venue to memorialize you and/or your loved one.
- ◆ The niche is considered Holy Ground, and an entirely acceptable final resting place for Christian burial, as well as a monument.
- ◆ The columbarium will be composed of a granite exterior, sitting on a concrete 'plaza'.
- ◆ The columbarium plaza will be located to the south of Our Lady of Lavang statue on the far west side of the cemetery.



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 manner in which they are carried, 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. Whenever possible, appropriate means for recording with dignity the memory of the deceased should be adopted, such as a plaque or stone which records the name of the deceased..”

— *Reflections on the Body, Cremation and Catholic Funeral Rites*

Statement by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States, 1997, paragraph 417