

**ST. MARY OF THE KNOBS
FOOT OF THE CROSS
CREMAIN RULES & REGULATIONS**

The policies, guidelines and regulations set forth hereafter are established by St. Mary of the Knobs Roman Catholic Church to provide for the proper management and appearance of its cemetery.

Disposition of the body of deceased Catholics by means of cremation is a fairly recent development. As a progressive parish positioned for the future, St. Mary of the Knobs has developed a designated area around the foot of the cross in the Hilltop Cemetery to specifically accept 184 cremains.

In order to provide for the upkeep of these cemetery grounds, the parish must assess fees to cover expenses associated with the operation of the cemetery. An initial fee is requested upon selection and reservation of a particular cremation site. Additional fees are assessed to cover the opening and closing of the cremain vault. Once each year, the parish will have a special collection at which time all parish members are asked to assist with parish needs.

The Hilltop Cemetery is located northwest of the church on the west side of Martin Road. Since registered members of the parish provide annually for the upkeep of the Cemetery, the parish has established a three-tiered structure for the purchase of right to bury cremains as set forth on Page 4. From time to time, at the approval and discretion of the pastor (or, if not pastor, the parish life coordinator or administrator appointed by the Archdiocese) in consultation with the Parish Council, the rates assessed for the various services may be increased as appropriate.

For purposes hereunder, registered members of the parish include the immediate family of then registered Catholic members (i.e., husband, wife and children), regardless of religious affiliation.

A. General

All cremain lots within the Hilltop Cemetery shall be subject to the policies of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis and St. Mary of the Knobs parish. Said lots shall be used for the sole and express purpose of burial of human cremains.

B. Opening and Closing of the Cremain Site

(1) The opening of the cremain site in the Cemetery must be performed by parish cemetery custodians. These services will be provided at the expense of the family member in accordance with the rate schedule in effect at the time of interment.

(2) Cremain sites will not be closed on Sundays or such other days as may be designated at the discretion of the pastor in consultation with the Parish Council. The Cemetery will not be responsible for any order given by telephone or for any mistake occurring from lack of precise and proper instructions as to the particular space, size of grave and location in an plot where interment is desired. The Hilltop Cemetery will not be liable for the interment permit nor the identity of the person sought to be interred.

C. Cremain Markers

(1) To maintain uniformity of the cremain area, a concrete vault has been installed immediately beneath the visible 16"x8"x4" granite marker around the foot of the cross. The purchaser will be required to maintain continuity of appearance as set out by St. Mary of the Knobs parish by engaging Marshall Monument Company to engrave the name and dates of birth and death on the marker, the cost of which will be billed to the family.

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(2) All workmen employed by Marshall Monument will check with the parish office prior to commencement of any work in the Hilltop Cemetery. A certificate of insurance will be required by St. Mary of the Knobs from Marshall Monument annually.

(3) Only one cremain is permitted at each cremain marker. No military marker may be placed in this cremain area. Marshall Monument Company will be responsible for picking up the granite marker for engraving purposes and subsequently installing said marker in the designated place.

(4) The cremain marker is the property of the purchaser. St. Mary of the Knobs assumes no responsibility for the upkeep of said markers, but does reserve the right, at the expense of the family, to remove or alter any monument that has become unsightly to the appearance of the Cemetery or has deteriorated in such a way as to present a potentially hazardous situation.

(5) No iron or wire work, and no seats or vases will be allowed upon any cremain site. Any article left on the cremain area may be removed by the parish at its sole discretion.

D. Flowers, Trees and Shrubbery

(1) Flowers, trees and shrubbery **may not be planted** on any cremain site and will be removed, at the sole discretion of the pastor or other parish representative, at the expense of the family.

(2) Floral designs and vases are not permitted at the cremain site. The Cemetery has authority to remove all floral designs, flowers or plants of any kind from the cemetery when they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental or diseased.

E. Ownership

(1) The sale, transfer or assignment of a cremain burial right by the owner shall only be valid if on forms prepared or approved by the cemetery, and such sale, assignment or transfer shall be subject to a reasonable charge.

The Cemetery reserves the right to insist upon at least 24 hour's notice prior to any interment and at least one week's notice prior to any disinterment or removal.

No such sale, assignment, or transfer shall be binding upon the cemetery unless the same is filed and duly approved by the cemetery. No sale, assignment, or transfer of cremain burial right shall be effected if there be any indebtedness due to the cemetery.

(2) Assignment is an order by the owner of a cremain burial right to allow the use by a particular individual. Assignments must be honored by the cemetery as a directive of the owner, and cannot be changed by anyone except the owner. Such assignment by an owner may not be changed by the assignee, or anyone else. In a case where the lot owner has deceased after making an assignment, and the assignee has no interest in the space, no re-assignment can be made, as an assignment is for exclusive use, rescindable only by the lot owner.

(3) In the event that an owner of cremain burial rights shall die prior to assigning or disposing of such cremain burial rights, and there have been no burials on said plot, title to such cremain burial rights shall rest in the person designated by the deceased owner in his or her will; provided that the deceased owner has made specific reference to the cremain burial rights in such will. Unless the cemetery has written notice of the existence of a will, it may be assume that the owner has not effectively disposed of his or her cremain burial rights by will, and the deceased person's cremain burial rights shall be conveyed in accordance with the Indiana General Assembly Act.

(4) Right of Cremain Burial may be purchased only for the expected use of the purchaser and his/her family, and may not be purchased for resale. The Hilltop Cemetery reserves the right to disapprove a transfer or sale, if they feel there is any question that some relative has Right of Cremain Burial by law.

(5) It shall be the responsibility of the owner to notify the management of any change in his/her address. Notice sent to a cremain owner at the last address on file in the office of the cemetery shall be considered sufficient and proper legal notification.

(6) The cemetery reserves the right to purchase back property for the original price paid when deemed necessary.

(7) A cremain plot may not be transferred after the death of the owners, or after a cremain burial has been made on said plot. No third party may act as agent for sale or transfer of any cremain burial rights.

(8) The Cemetery hereby expressly reserves the right to adopt additional Rules & Regulations or to amend, alter or repeal these Rules & Regulations at any time. Sufficient notice will be given by the Cemetery of any rule change that will create expense, hardship or inconvenience to plot owners or other individuals having business with the Cemetery.

St. Mary of the Knobs Finance Committee and the Parish Council have approved the following fee structure for the purchase of the right to bury cremains at the foot of the cross in the Hilltop

Cemetery:

Cremain Burial Right Rates:

Parishioner:	\$1,350 each plot + \$500 Perpetual Care Fee=	\$1,850
Non-parishioner:	\$3,600 each plot + \$500 Perpetual Care Fee=	\$4,100

The amount of this fee may be increased at the discretion of the parish as required.

Purchase price must be paid in full prior to a cremain internment or engraving of the marker.