



## Cremation Information

### CAN CATHOLICS BE CREMATED?

Yes, as long as the cremation is not done as a protest against the belief in the resurrection of the body. However, the ashes must be placed in a grave or in a columbarium at a cemetery. They are never to be kept in the possession of the family or scattered, as these do not show the reverent disposition that is due to the deceased, and do not demonstrate Christian faith in awaiting the resurrection. The individual is a member of the baptized family of God, whose grave should be accessible for any member of the faithful who wishes to venerate it and offer prayers of intercession. If a loved one mistakenly requests some other disposition of their ashes, such as scattering them, the family should not honor this request, but should trust the Church's wisdom on the importance of properly interring the person's remains.

### WHAT IS A COLUMBARIUM?

A columbarium is an above-ground structure for the interment of cremains. When a family chooses cremation for a loved one, the cremains can either be buried in a grave or placed in a columbarium. The cost is the same for either option. This is a picture of the columbarium at St. Michael Catholic Cemetery.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

To purchase a grave, or for more information about the St. Michael Catholic Cemetery, please contact Kerry or Kathy Jo Barthel at 763-286-6561, or by email at [kjbarthel15@gmail.com](mailto:kjbarthel15@gmail.com).