

Introducing



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The Columbarium of
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Catholic Church



As a valuable part of the overall design of our Master Plan, the Columbarium is situated in the East Garden with the outdoor Stations of the Cross. This overall design provides a place for prayer and meditation, as well as a suitable place for our parishioners to memorialize their loved ones.

A Columbarium is the structure that entombs the cremated remains of the departed. Our Columbarium will ultimately consist of four freestanding clusters. Each cluster will be dedicated to a specific saint.

The Columbarium is made of granite and will be surrounded by extensive landscaping, which includes plants and accent lighting. Each niche in the Columbarium can accommodate two urns for the interment of the cremated remains of two persons. Each niche will have an engraved face plate, matching the names which have been engraved on the urns of those interred within.

The Columbarium design provides for four clusters in a hub and spoke, circular layout. And each cluster will hold seven units with a capacity of 484 niches.

The Catholic Church's traditional practice of interring the body of the deceased dates from the time of Christ, in imitation of the burial of Our Lord's body in the tomb after the crucifixion. This practice still is, and always will be, the Church's normal and preferred manner of internment. The Church does, however, permit cremation, with the provision that the remains be properly interred.

On May 8, 1963, the Holy Office (now the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith) lifted the age-old ban on cremation, permitting the practice in some countries. The lifting of this ban was incorporated into the revised Code of Canon Law in 1983, permitting cremation, unless chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching (Canon 1176 §3).

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can be interred in the Columbarium?

Any registered member of the Catholic Church and their spouse (including non-Catholics), family, including children and their spouses, and parents. No more than two persons' remains may be interred in a niche, each in an acceptable urn. Only human remains can be interred.

Can ashes be co-mingled or scattered?

No, a person's entire ashes must be contained in his or her individual urn.

Can I use my own urn?

Yes, you may, but it must meet the size specifications of the Columbarium.

May we still be able to have a Mass for our loved one?

Yes, you may.

Do I need to ask permission to be cremated?

No. Permission has already been granted, as long as the remains are properly interred.

May anything be added to cremated remains, such as the cremated remains of other persons, pets or other objects?

The Christian principle of respect for the cremated remains of a deceased embraces the deeper belief in the individuality of each person before God, and in the resurrection of the body. Therefore, the mingling of remains has never been an accepted practice.

Who decides if I am cremated?

In most cases you make the decision. However, your survivors may decide to have you cremated, generally due to special family circumstances.

What funeral rites are celebrated when a person is cremated?

All the usual rites, which are celebrated with a body present may also be celebrated in the presence of cremated remains. The Church has provided new prayers, which are included in an appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals. During the liturgy, the cremated remains are treated with the same dignity and respect as the body. The following rituals may be celebrated.

Prayers after Death

This ritual, which would occur before cremation, is used immediately after death. The presence of the minister, the readings, and the prayers can be of great comfort to the family.

Gathering in the Presence of the Body

This ritual, also taking place before cremation, can also be of great comfort to family members and friends. It allows for a time of simple prayer and shared silence.

Vigil for the Deceased

If cremation has already taken place, friends and family may still gather to pray. It has been a tradition to pray the rosary in a Liturgy of the Word service, which includes a prayer for the deceased and recognition of his/her Christian life.

Funeral Mass

As always, a Funeral Mass may be offered for the deceased.

