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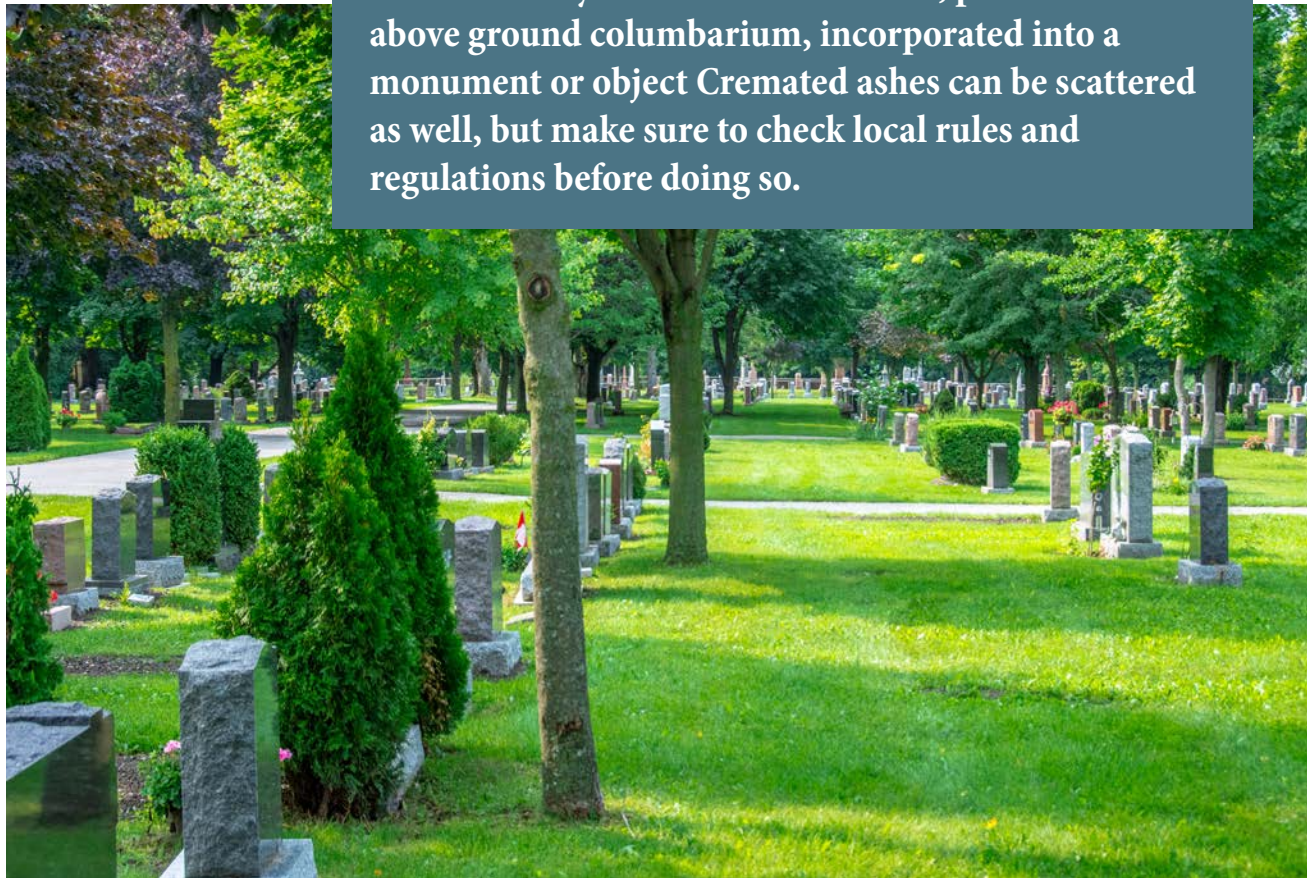


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Today, many more people are choosing end of life cremation for themselves or loved ones. Although a life has been lost, it is important for there to be a way of honoring their legacy and creating an everlasting presence in our hearts and minds.

Those considering cremation often question how the cremains will be memorialized or remembered. Unlike traditional burial, cremation offers a variety of options through which the lives of loved ones can be celebrated.

Cremains may be buried in the earth, placed in an above ground columbarium, incorporated into a monument or object. Cremated ashes can be scattered as well, but make sure to check local rules and regulations before doing so.



Over the years, we have listened to families they have served and their needs in relation to the ideal memorialization of their loved ones' remains.

Following much reflection and planning, we have carefully created what they believe to be the final resting place for cremated remains. Our cemetery was designed with nature, honor and dignity in mind. The beautiful landscape offers a variety of settings where loved ones can sit and reflect on lives well lived.

This guide features various memorialization offerings. In addition, we provide personal memorial services that accompany the inurnment of your loved ones remains.

If you have questions about cremation options, memorialization, or for a tour, please feel free to contact us and one of our providers will be glad to assist you.



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# Why should cremated ashes be memorialized?



- A memorial serves as a permanent remembrance of a life and everlasting tribute.
- Memorializing cremains provides a peaceful focal point where loved ones can visit and reflect.
- Memorials serve as a permanent record for future generations and genealogy. People often walk cemetery grounds to appreciate these works of art and history.
- A permanent resting place for cremains plays an important role in bringing closure for survivors.

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# *Considerations for Catholics*

## What does a Catholic do with the cremated ashes after the funeral liturgy is completed?

**T**he Church requires that the cremated ashes be either buried in the ground in a cemetery or placed in a mausoleum or columbarium.

The Church recommends that the place of burial or entombment be permanently memorialized with a traditional memorial stone, crypt/niche front, or bronze plaque, minimally marking the name and dates of birth and death of the deceased person.

Since the human body was the temple of the Holy Spirit during life, was fed at the Eucharistic table, and will share in the bodily resurrection, contemporary cultural practices like scattering the ashes over water or from the air, or keeping the cremains at home are not considered reverent forms of disposition that the Church requires.



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# What are my options?

There are two primary options for the final placement of cremains in a cemetery, in-ground burial or above ground inurnment.

## Ground burial cremains

- An urn can be buried in a full size grave.
- An urn can be buried in a smaller size cremation grave located in areas designated only for cremation burial.
- An urn can be buried on top of an existing grave, provided permission is given by the grave space owner.

## Above-ground inurnment of cremains

- An urn may be inurned in a crypt of niche located in a mausoleum building.
- An urn may be inurned in a columbarium facility, which may be a freestanding bank of niches located in the cemetery or attached to a building in the cemetery.
- An urn may be inurned in other above ground options in the cemetery such as cremation rocks, private family columbarium, cremation benches, or inside of granite memorials.



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