

## RETURN AND EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES

Any crypt or niche purchased from the cemetery may be exchanged or returned unless memorialization has occurred. The return of crypts or niches is subject to some restrictions, and each case must be reviewed before a refund is given. This policy protects families if conditions change or, especially, if there is a relocation. Any crypt and/or niche may be exchanged for a crypt or niche in another section or mausoleum. The credit for exchanging crypts or niches is determined by the purchase price of the original unit selected. Any refund for unused crypts or niches is based on the original purchase price.



## SERVICES AND OPTIONS

**INTERMENT FEES** In contrast to many other cemeteries, pricing for *Our Lady of Sorrows at Cedar Grove Cemetery* is inclusive of standard interment and memorialization fees associated with above-ground interment.

**MEMORIALIZATION** Memorialization is included in the cost of your crypt or niche. Memorialization is limited to the time of need and includes the last name, first name(s), and birth and death date(s). Pre-need memorialization is available at an additional cost. Crypts and niches may not be returned or exchanged once memorialization has taken place.

**ALL SOULS CHAPEL** All Souls Chapel provides for the final religious services in an interior setting free from unfavorable weather conditions. Families have the option of services in All Souls Chapel or services at the mausoleum. All Souls Chapel services must be pre-arranged on a first-come, first-served basis. Use of All Souls Chapel is included in the cost of your crypt or niche.

**PRICING** Pricing is provided in the enclosed *Purchasing Worksheet* and is based on several cemetery industry standards, including cost of construction, maintenance in perpetuity, and the location of the crypt or niche within the facility. The *Purchasing Worksheet* is intended to assist you in selecting the most appropriate crypt or niche based on your budget and preference for location.

**COUNSELING SESSIONS** Counseling sessions are available Monday through Friday. Counseling sessions are one hour in length and will be scheduled in advance by calling the cemetery office at 574.631.5660. To prepare for your counseling session, please complete the enclosed *Purchasing Worksheet*.

Payment plans are available. Checks only, please; credit cards are not accepted.

**COMMITTAL SERVICES** Committal services may be scheduled by contacting the cemetery office at 574.631.5660. Committal services are available Monday through Friday. A minimum of three days' notice is required. A priest, deacon, or trained bereavement minister must be present at the committal service. If necessary we are pleased to arrange, with the assistance of the Office of Campus Ministry, for a priest to be present.



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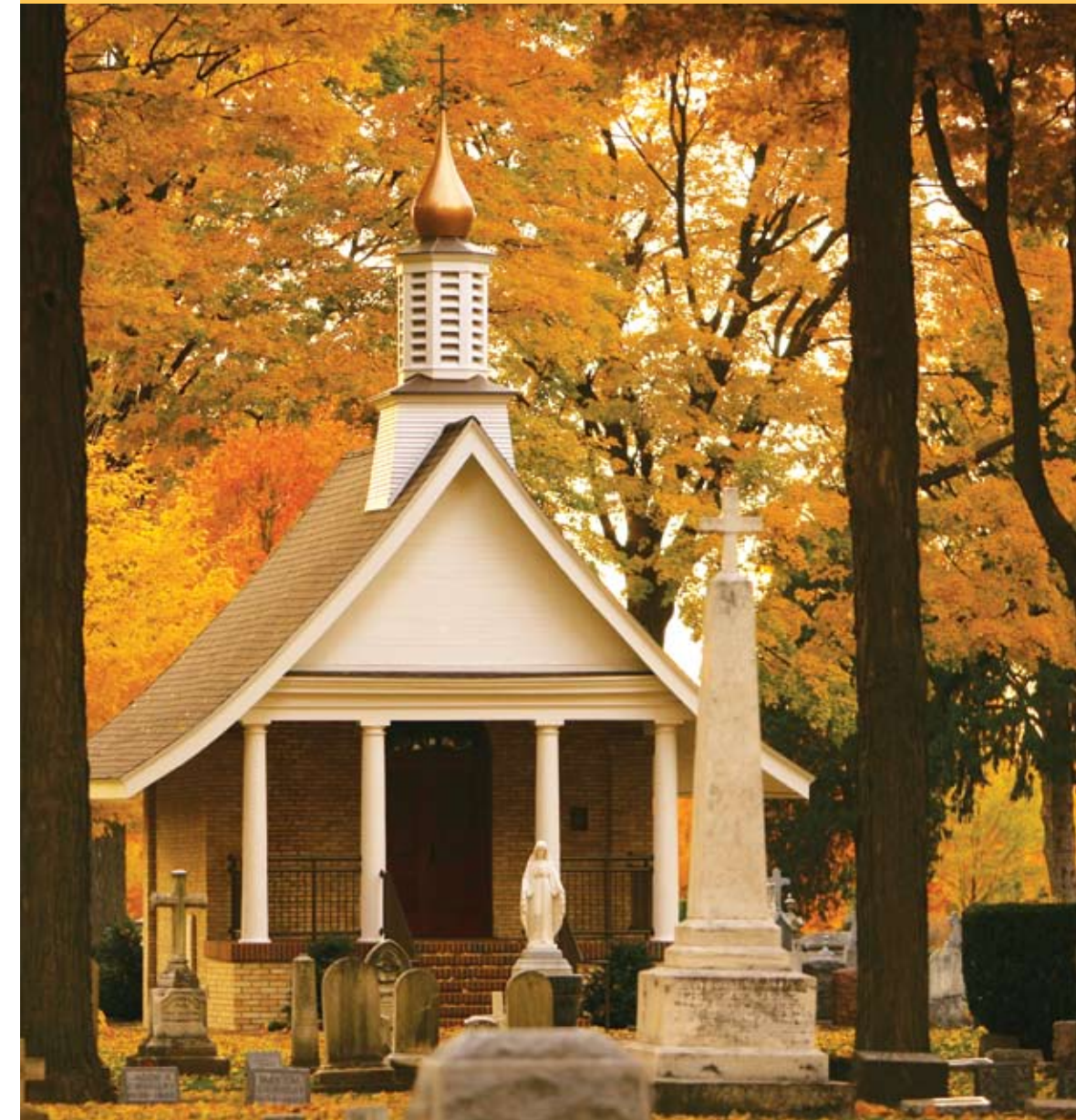
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# CHOOSING A SACRED SPACE



When we are baptized, we are brought to a sacred place—a Catholic church—and welcomed into the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection. This offers us the promise of eternal life. When one of our loved ones dies, we take them to another sacred place—a Catholic cemetery—for burial in sacred ground while they await the resurrection of the dead and Christ’s return in glory.

Since death is a natural part of life, it is only fitting that the Catholic Church be present at the time of death. In the preface of the funeral Mass, these words are prayed: *“For those who have been faithful, O Lord, life is not ended, but merely changed.”* (MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL)

Death, as seen through the eyes of a Christian, is not the end. It is simply a natural passageway to a changed life with God. Burial in a Catholic cemetery is a statement of belief in death as our passage into eternity.

Cemeteries hold the earthly remains of our family members and friends who have shared their love, fellowship, and faith with us. Although a grave in a cemetery evokes sadness, a grave in a Catholic cemetery is also a sign of hope in God and His promise of everlasting life.

In a complex and busy world, the desire to do things well, spiritually, and sensibly, is often complicated by practical matters like time, money, and knowledge. Nothing ever seems quite as easy to do as it first appears. This is as true of planning a family burial place as it is of anything else. It is probably made more complex by the fact that many people only do it once in a lifetime.

Today, many purchases of burial space made in Catholic cemeteries are made in advance of death (pre-need). This shows both a sense of thoughtful planning and a sense of economic prudence. The decisions made now will be your own, which gives you peace of mind now and your loved ones peace of mind later. A pre-need burial selection may be made today calmly, responsibly, economically, and prudently, with a low down payment and interest-free monthly payments.

Purchases of above-ground burial space in *Our Lady of Sorrows at Cedar Grove Cemetery* may be made in person at the cemetery or over the telephone. The cemetery website ([cemetery.nd.edu](http://cemetery.nd.edu)) includes a virtual tour, giving you the sense of being on-site when you cannot be. Cemetery counselors offer you their knowledge to make an educated burial selection. They are available Monday through Friday for personal counseling sessions. Counseling sessions are scheduled in one-hour increments and must



Sunset at historic Cedar Grove Cemetery.

be pre-arranged by calling 574.631.5660.

Most purchases are made under our payment plan. Full payment is required only when a grave or crypt is used. Payment plans are without interest or carrying charges. Monthly payments are extended over a three-year period, with a 25 percent deposit required to secure a selection.

## CRYPTS

Crypts are available for above-ground burial. The first mausoleum was built in 242 BC for King Mausolius, from whose name the word mausoleum was derived. Scripture tells us that Joseph of Arimathea “went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried.” (LUKE 23:52-53) Mausoleum-style entombment has been utilized throughout the Church’s history. Early Christians were buried in the catacombs. In older churchyard cemeteries, private mausoleums can be found, but because of their costs, they were available only to the affluent.

Today, community garden crypt facilities like those found in *Our Lady of Sorrows at Cedar Grove Cemetery* make above-ground burial accessible to persons who have a preference for this type of burial. Depending on the type of memorial selected for ground burial or the type of outer burial container

purchased, crypt burial can often be comparable in cost to grave burial. Crypts accommodate standard-size caskets no greater than 25” at their highest point, 31” at their widest point, and no greater than 91” at their longest point, including handles and hardware.

## NICHES

Since 1963, cremation has been an acceptable option for those of the Catholic faith. When cremation is chosen, the preferred sequence for the final rites is for cremation to take place after the funeral Mass. Whether cremation takes place before or after the funeral rites, the Church expects families to seek an appropriate final resting place for the cremated remains of the body. The scattering of the cremated remains or keeping the cremated remains in a home are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires. Catholic cemeteries offer niches as an option for those choosing cremation.

Niches are above-ground burial crypts sized for an urn containing the cremated remains of the body and allowing for identification and remembrance. Niches located on the exterior of *Our Lady of Sorrows at Cedar Grove Cemetery’s* Mary, Queen of Angels and Mary, Queen of All Saints mausolea accommodate standard-size urns no greater than 11.5” at their highest point, 10.5” at their widest point, and no greater than 9.5” at their longest point, including handles and hardware. Companion niches located on the interior of each of these mausolea are larger and accommodate urns no greater than 11.5” at their highest point, 17.5” at their widest point, and no greater than 9.5” at their longest point, including handles and hardware.

## LOT HOLDER RIGHTS

Graves and crypts are conveyed by an easement, which gives the purchaser an exclusive right of use for the specific purpose of burial, not ownership of the burial space. Upon the death of the burial rights holder, such burial rights shall pass either pursuant to statutory designation for “family plots” or to the heirs-at-law as specified by the statutes of descent, unless the burial rights holder has disposed of such burial rights by a written designation filed with the cemetery (contact the cemetery office to obtain a *Burial Plot Reservation Form*).