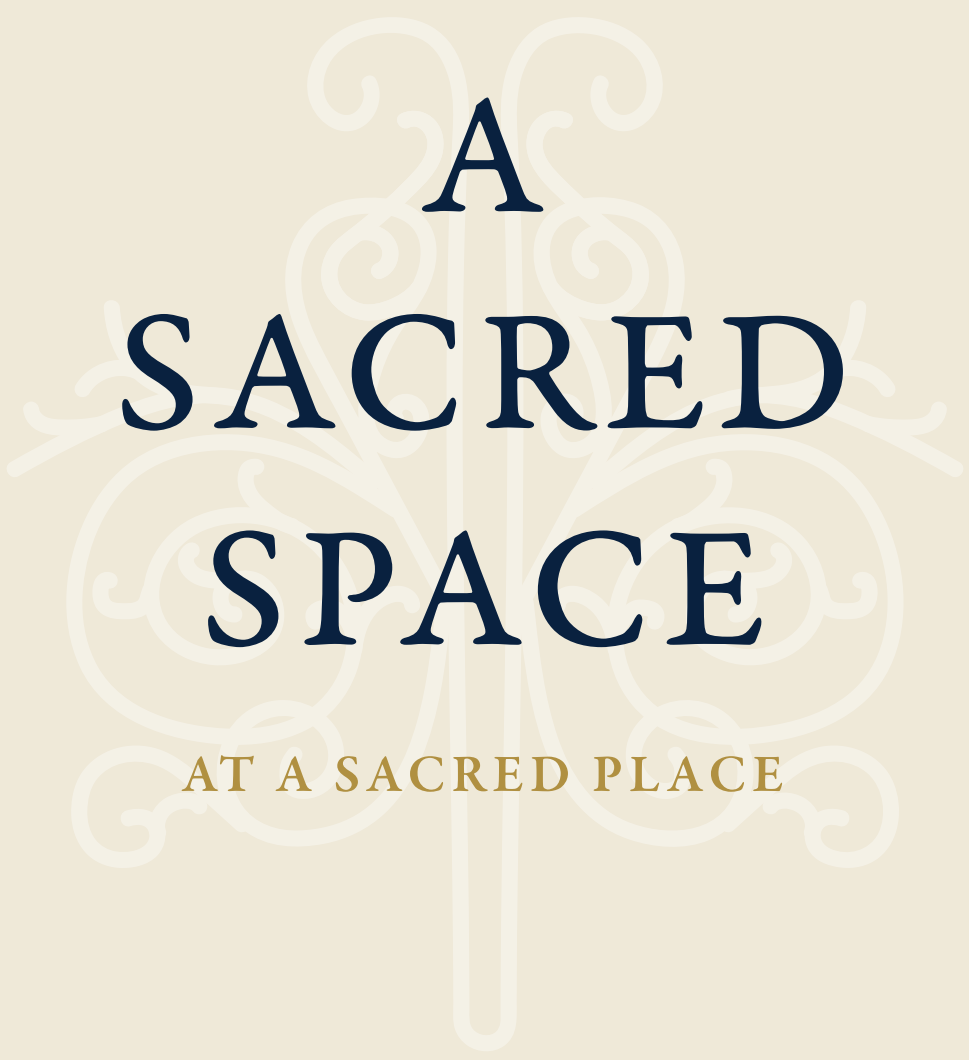




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Cedar Grove Cemetery

The idea of “coming home” is central in a Christian’s approach to death. It places the focus on joy amid the sorrow, on a continuing kinship in the Communion of Saints: “For those who have been faithful, Lord, life is not ended, but merely changed” (Mass of Christian Burial). This is a time of great intimacy and importance for the family of the deceased, and it is time for relatives, friends, and all the people of God to draw closer, comfort one another, and concentrate on what is important and enduring. The University of Notre Dame, through its ministry at Cedar Grove Cemetery, is ready to embrace you as you begin this journey.

“I know that my Redeemer lives: on the last day I shall rise again. And in my flesh I shall see God.”

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

Perhaps you are one of the many people who connect Notre Dame with some of your most profound experiences of Christian community. At Our Lady’s University, the sense of Church as family and the taste for “life, sweetness, and hope” are nurtured. For you and your loved ones, being here is “coming home.”

On this campus, memories matter. Appreciation of intellectual excellence and moral virtue persists. People are cherished as they are, and some who become “legends” share their luster with us. The young and the old alike are engaged in the noble work of stewardship, binding past to future with a lively, present-moment faith. Final rest in Cedar Grove Cemetery, at the historic gateway to the beautiful Notre Dame campus, is a continuation of these relationships that transcend generations.

Cedar Grove Cemetery’s mission is to provide a dignified Christian burial for members of the Notre Dame community and their families. Formerly available only to faculty, staff, and retirees, we are pleased to extend options for above-ground burial in the Our Lady of Sorrows at Cedar Grove Cemetery mausoleum complex to devoted graduates and their family members who have special reason to “come home.” The opportunity is also extended to members in good standing of Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame, Indiana.



P rearranging one's own burial today is an act of compassion, sparing your loved ones difficult decisions during a time of bereavement.



At Our Lady of Sorrows at Cedar Grove Cemetery, you will experience our profound respect for the dignity of the deceased and for the seriousness of this ministry. Here, we honor the Blessed Mother under her title Our Lady of Sorrows, patroness of the Congregation of Holy Cross. She is our most precious reminder that Christ's victory over death opens the gates of heaven for those who take up their own cross and journey with Him.

Our Lady of Sorrows at Cedar Grove Cemetery, through both the architectural design of the mausolea and landscaping elements employed in its gardens for prayerful reflection, testifies to our commitment to this sacred place: a beautiful, quiet setting, conducive to contemplation and consolation, expressing faith, hope, and love in perpetuity.

A proper place of rest is a crucial element in the Church's plan for celebrating the death of the faithful. Notre Dame is blessed in providing this ministry to its sons and daughters. As outlined in the Order of Christian Funerals, this plan entails a vigil, a funeral liturgy, and the right of committal.

Our Lady of Sorrows at Cedar Grove Cemetery allows for alternatives in the committal of the body awaiting Christ's return. The pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead continues in above-ground mausoleum crypts, as well as niches for the reverential placement of the cremated remains of bodies.



**“For those who have been faithful,
O Lord, life is not ended, but merely changed.”**

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL



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 our loved ones die, 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.”

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 such as time, money, and

knowledge. Nothing ever seems quite as easy to do as it first appears. This is as true of choosing a family burial place as it is of anything else.

Today, more than half the 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 the Our Lady of Sorrows at Cedar Grove Cemetery mausoleum complex may be made in person at the cemetery or over the telephone. The cemetery website, 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 by dialing 574-631-5660.

“The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy; it honors the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit.”

*CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
PARA. 2300*



In the sure and certain hope: Preparing a Catholic funeral

The forgiveness of sins and salvation of the soul

As Catholics, we believe that what happened to Jesus in His resurrection from the dead will also one day happen to us. This hope in life after death has brought joy and comfort to millions of believers as they mourn the death and experience the loss of a loved one.

The following outlines a traditional Catholic funeral and provides an explanation of each event's purpose and significance.

Vigil and related rites and prayers

The vigil for the deceased is the first way that the

Church captures the sentiments of those who are grieving and sets them in the context of our faith. A prayer service with readings selected from Scripture to fit the circumstances of the deceased, a homily that comforts and gives hope, intercessions that speak to the faith of those gathered, and prayers selected from the rich resources found in the Order of Christian Funerals can do a great deal to prepare people to enter into the Christian spirit of the funeral liturgy. The Rosary or other prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary can be part of the vigil.

Eulogies are best given at the vigil service. While there is a natural desire to say good things about a person who has died, we must always remember that in the context of prayer, it is the working of God's grace in the life of the deceased for which we want to give thanks and praise. Eulogies in the context of prayer must be more than mere tributes to the goodness of the deceased. There must be reference to what God has done for the deceased person and for us through him or her.

Funeral liturgy (usually Mass)

Celebrating the funeral liturgy at Mass in the parish church is the normal way in which Catholics experience the Order of Christian Funerals. The Eucharist looks forward to our participation in the heavenly banquet, where we are united with Jesus, the saints, and all those who share eternal life. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood shall live forever" (John 6:54). The Eucharist is truly the central point in a Catholic funeral. Its effectiveness is greatly enhanced when the family participates in appropriate ways: clothing the casket with the pall, selecting the Scripture readings, serving as lectors or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, singing the responses and the hymns, and, most especially, receiving the Eucharist.

The funeral homily is of utmost importance in the



funeral liturgy. A homily may be delivered only by a priest or a deacon, as liturgical homilies are part of the sacramental rite of the Eucharist. The homily speaks of the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection and gives the deeper meaning that is found in the experience of death and dying. The homily occurs within the context of a funeral Mass that is offered for the forgiveness of sins and the salvation of the soul of the faithful departed.

Committal service at cemetery

The Rite of Committal is the final liturgy in the Order of Christian Funerals. Like the vigil service, the Rite of Committal makes use of Scripture, words of hope by the presider, intercessions, and prayer.

A Catholic cemetery is a place of honor and respect for those who have died. It is a sacred place where Catholics come to express their grief and hope for their loved one who has preceded them in death. It is consecrated ground, fitting for someone whose body was a temple of the Holy Spirit on Earth and now awaits the resurrection from the dead.

To have a representative of the Church present at this final moment is a great source of consolation to those who will now continue their journeys in life without their beloved. If a priest is unavailable to preside at the committal service, a deacon or a trained bereavement minister may represent the Church at this final moment.

Music in the funeral rites

The Order of Christian Funerals notes that the role and place of music is "integral to the funeral rites." Hymns and songs that help to express our Christian hope, provide consolation for those who mourn, and help to point us to the Paschal Mystery of Christ's saving death and resurrection should, as much as possible, be part of each of the three major ritual moments: the vigil, the funeral Mass, and the committal service. Music or songs that are not liturgical or are otherwise inappropriate for the funeral Mass can be included at various times outside the funeral rites; for example, during the vigil or after the committal service at the cemetery.

Cremation

The Church prefers to bury the body of the deceased in or on consecrated ground. For a variety of reasons, some people may prefer to have the body of the deceased cremated before it is buried. This is allowed, as long as there is no intentional denial of the final resurrection of the body.

The burial or inurnment in a cemetery, mausoleum, or columbarium should occur as soon as possible after the funeral Mass. Out of respect for the body, the Church does not permit the cremated remains of the body to be scattered over water or some favorite place. Cremated remains are to be treated with the same dignity and respect as the body.

Questions about cremation for Catholics

Recognizing that the goal of our lives is eternal life with God, we prepare for that by prayer, reception of the sacraments, and care for those around us. Preparation for death is an essential part of life as a Christian.

In today's society, for some, choosing cremation is part of that preparation for death. The Church continues to prefer and encourage the faithful to bury or entomb the bodies of their departed loved ones. However, if cremation is chosen, the Church wishes to support the faithful in honoring the life, faith, and memory of the departed.

Cremation may be a confusing issue for Catholics. At one time, the Church prohibited cremation, but this is no longer the case. We've provided some answers to the most commonly asked questions, and we hope this will be helpful to you in making your decision.

When did it become permissible for Catholics to be cremated?

In 1963, the Catholic Church lifted its prohibition of cremation. Canon 1176 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law states, “The Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed. It does not, however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching.”

Why was cremation prohibited?

Catholics believe that we are created in the image and likeness of God and that all of God’s creation is sacred. Just as the body should be treated with respect in life, so should it be treated in death. As Catholics, we believe “in Baptism the body was marked with the seal of the Trinity and became the temple of the Holy Spirit,” and as such, “Christians respect and honor the bodies of the dead and the places they rest” (OCF 19). During life, our body was baptized into the Lord and His promise of eternal life.

From the earliest days of Christianity, cremation was seen as a pagan ritual, perceived to be contrary to this and other Catholic teachings, and therefore prohibited by the Catholic Church.

Today, cremation is prohibited only if the person choosing cremation is doing so to deny Christian teachings, especially that of the resurrection of the dead and the immortality of the soul.

What is cremation?

Cremation is the process whereby the body is totally incinerated by intense heat and flame. All substances are consumed and vaporized except bone fragments and any non-combustible materials. The bone fragments may be further pulverized after cooling. These remains weigh anywhere from 4 to 10 pounds.

What is the proper name for these remains?

What we commonly call “ashes” are not really ash as we know it, but bone particles. The proper terminology for the remains of the body after cremation is cremated remains of the body. The Church also holds that these remains be treated with the same respect with which the body was treated prior to cremation, including the use of a “worthy vessel” or urn for the cremated remains of the body.

When should cremation take place?

The Church strongly prefers that cremation take place after the full funeral liturgy with the body present. “This is the body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed with the bread of life” (OCF, Appendix 2). The Church’s belief in the sacredness of life and the resurrection of the dead encourages us to celebrate the funeral liturgies with the body present, while affirming the value of human life. As Catholics, we celebrate our funeral liturgies because they recall Christ’s victory over death. With His victory comes our hope for eternal life.

If it is not possible for the body to be present at the funeral Mass, local permission may be needed from your pastor for the cremated remains of the body to be present at Mass. Since it is the “earthly remains” and not the body of the deceased that is present, there are slight adaptations in the liturgy.

How should cremated remains of the body be handled?

Prior to cremation, arrangements should be made by the family of the deceased, the crematorium, the funeral director, and the cemetery concerning the disposition of the cremated remains of the body.



In most cases, the funeral home will return the cremated remains of the body to the next of kin. On occasion, the crematorium will ship the cremated remains of the body by registered mail, or some other secure service, to the person who is responsible for them.

Upon receipt, the cremated remains of the body should be treated with the same respect as the full body, in the way they are handled, transported, and cared for, and in their final disposition.

Upon receipt of the cremated remains of the body, what should I do with them?

The cremated remains of the body, just like the full body, should be buried or interred. Scattering the cremated remains of the body, keeping them at home, or dividing them among various family members is not the reverent disposition the Church requires.

Most Catholic cemeteries have grave space or niche space for the cremated remains of the body. This allows for visitation, memorialization, and prayers.

At the cemetery, a final prayer, the Rite of Committal, is prayed immediately prior to the inurnment of the cremated remains of the body.

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Our Lady of Sorrows at Cedar Grove Cemetery

About the mausolea

The Our Lady of Sorrows at Cedar Grove Cemetery mausoleum complex, named for the patroness of the Congregation of Holy Cross, is located on Notre Dame Avenue at the southern edge of the University of Notre Dame campus.

The mausolea are built in the “collegiate gothic style” prevalent on campus. The original mausolea, named *Mary, Queen of Angels* and *Mary, Queen of All Saints*, are composed of interior single and companion crypts for the entombment of the full body, as well as interior companion and exterior single and companion niches for the inurnment of the cremated remains of the body. The next mausolea built, named *Mary, Holy Mother of the Church* and *Mary, Holy Mother of God*, feature a

variety of full-body burial options, in addition to single and companion niche space. All options are on the exterior. To the west of the mausolea, four columbaria contain both single and companion niche spaces as well. Please see the enclosed maps for burial space descriptions and availability.

Who can purchase and who may be interred?

Notre Dame alumni and/or their surviving spouse, children, or parents are eligible to purchase interment space for themselves and up to three additional family members (four people total per graduate). Purchase eligibility is also extended to members of Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame, Indiana, who have been registered and active for a period of five or more years. Full-time University faculty, staff, and retirees with the requisite years of service are also eligible.





Expansion and new developments

We are pleased to announce that the Our Lady of Sorrows mausoleum complex will undergo an expansion this year. Plans call for a fifth mausoleum, named *Mary, Gate of Heaven*, as well as 10 new columbaria and two cremation gardens. We estimate the new structures will be completed during the summer of 2026. This construction will open space for more than 2,400 additional interments at Cedar Grove, allowing us to continue to serve the Notre Dame family for years to come.

Flanking the north and south of *Mary, Gate of Heaven* will be 10 columbaria and two gardens for the interment of cremated remains. The four columbaria immediately beside the mausoleum will match it in color. A garden to the north will be called *Mary, Mystical Rose*. The columbaria in this area will be made of a handsome green granite. To the south, a garden named *Mary, Morning Star* will feature an attractive blue granite. Both gardens will offer limited options for interment within the landscaping itself, including single and companion cremation graves with pre-placed granite markers, and cremorial boulders, benches, and pillars.

Mausoleum design and features

The new structures will be stylistically consistent with the complex's existing architecture, but with a heightened level of artistic detail. Because Mary, Gate of Heaven will also serve as an open-air shelter, devotional artwork will feature prominently in its design. The building will be graced by 12 carved limestone tympanums, which will feature various Catholic devotional images, and eight mosaic roundels below the roofline. Two interior floor-to-ceiling mosaics will depict Our Lady of Lourdes on the north side and Our Lady of Guadalupe on the south side. This covered space for committal services as well as personal devotion will

be a welcome addition to the Our Lady of Sorrows mausoleum complex.

The Mary, Gate of Heaven mausoleum will offer both single and companion niches for the inurnment of cremated remains. The building will have an entry on each side and can accommodate more than 100 people during committal services. Exterior niches will be available below each of the 12 tympanums. The interior will contain conventional niches as well as niches behind the two large mosaics. Names of the deceased will be engraved on a granite base below the artwork. Every niche in Mary, Gate of Heaven will have at least one image of devotional art within sight.





Additional interment options

The garden cremation graves are a self-contained product that is both a vault and a marker that seals on the top. The vaults fit the dimensions of larger urns, such as those made by Trappist Caskets. The cremorial boulders are cored such that two sets of cremated remains can be placed within and topped by a bronze plaque. The boulders are placed within the garden beds. The cremorial benches, to be set along the walkways, will allow for the placement of up to four sets of remains and will be engraved with the family's memorialization information. Four cremorial pillars will mark the western edge of the complex and will feature prominently within individual flower beds.

The columbaria within the gardens will have both single and companion niches as well as a new offering: tandem niches. Whereas single and companion niches fit one or two large urns,

respectively, tandem niches are designed to fit either two standard plastic crematory containers or smaller vase-style urns. These tandem niches will be found in both a circular columbarium and a semi-circle columbarium. The efficient use of space in these offerings allows more affordability with a range of family budgets.

In addition to these newly developed areas, cremation graves as well as cremorial boulders and benches will be added to the existing gardens in the original eastern section of the Our Lady of Sorrows mausoleum complex. This will add options oriented toward the Golden Dome and give both the original and the new sections a unified character. Lastly, a round columbarium has been added between the Mary, Holy Mother of the Church and Mary, Holy Mother of God mausolea. Once the expansion is complete, the columbarium will sit at the hub of those structures and the Mary, Gate of Heaven mausoleum.

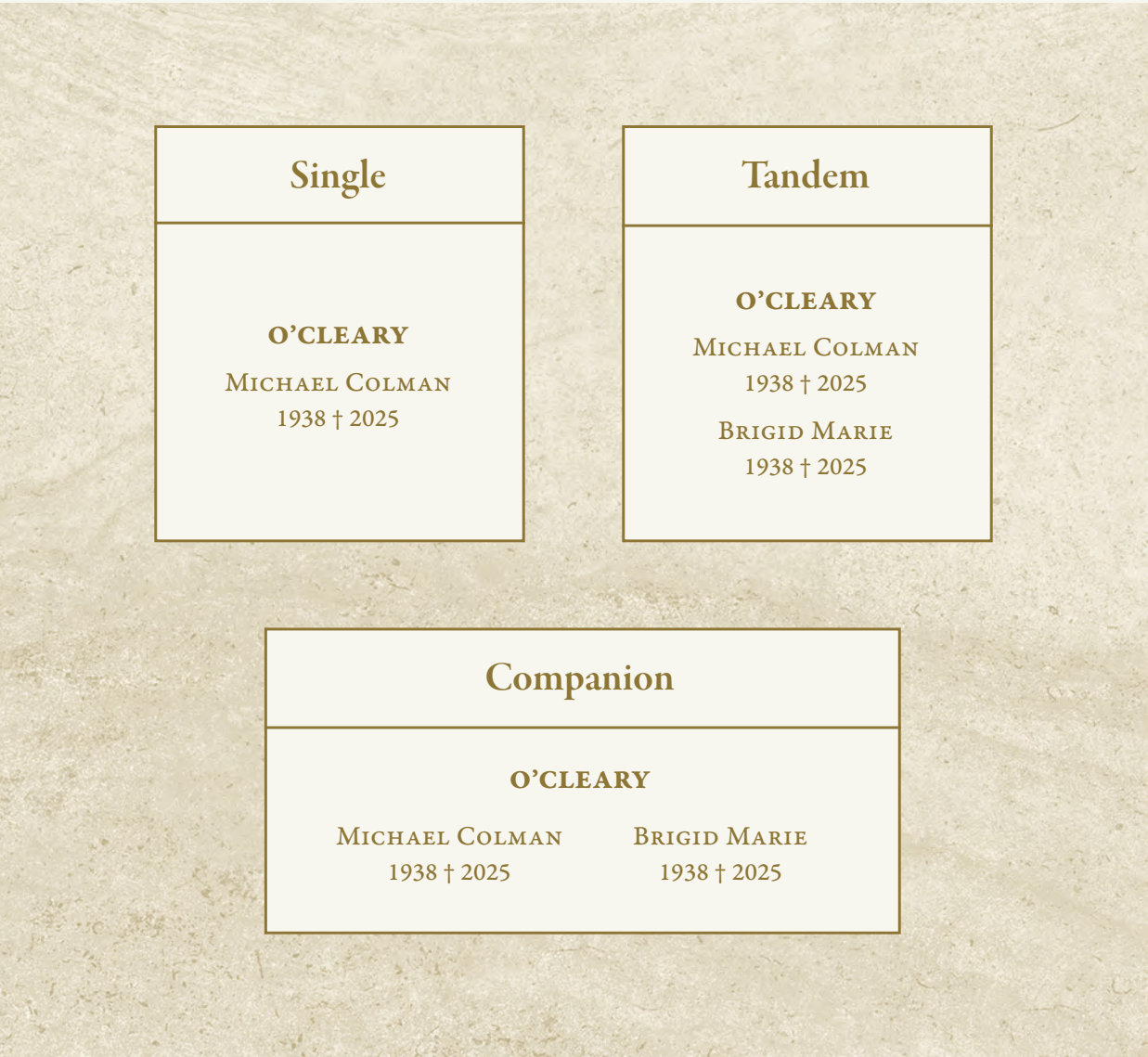


Crypts and niches

Crypts in the Our Lady of Sorrows mausoleum complex provide for the entombment of the full body. There are three styles of crypts: single, tandem, and companion. A single crypt is for the entombment of one person. Tandem and companion crypts are for two people. A tandem crypt is oriented such that the caskets touch foot to head and is covered by a standard, square granite shutter. A companion crypt is oriented such that the caskets are side-by-side. There are two types of companion crypts. One is covered by the standard square shutter (like the tandem) and the other has a larger, rectangular shutter.

Niches in the Our Lady of Sorrows provide for the inurnment of the cremated remains of the body. Niche spaces are sold as a single niche for the inurnment of one person, or as either a tandem or companion niche for the inurnment of two. Single and tandem niches use the square shutter layout. Companion niches use the rectangle. Niches are located within the mausolea and columbaria.

The names of those interred are engraved on the granite shutters of both crypts and niches. Each line of memorialization is limited to 14 to 16 characters, including spaces. The composition and fonts used on the shutters are uniform throughout the complex. See examples below.





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 purchaser 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 Cedar Grove Cemetery. At the time of purchase, such a written designation will be prepared by the cemetery staff for signature. Upon signature by purchaser, their rights and the rights of any family members for whom they purchased space for are protected by law.

Exchange privileges

Any crypt or niche purchased from Cedar Grove Cemetery may be exchanged unless memorialization has occurred. Any crypt and/or niche may be exchanged for a crypt or niche in another section or mausoleum. The credit or difference for exchanging crypts or niches is determined by the purchase price of the original unit selected.

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 performed at the time of need and includes the last name, first name(s), and birth and death dates. Pre-need memorialization is available at an additional cost. Crypts and niches may not be exchanged once memorialization has occurred. Please see the Crypts and Niches section (page 17) for more information.

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

Counseling session

Counseling sessions are available Monday–Friday as well as Saturdays by appointment. Counseling sessions can last up to one hour in length and may be scheduled in advance by calling the cemetery office at 574-631-5660.

Payment options

Most purchases are made under one of our two payment plans. Payment plans are without interest or carrying charges. Monthly payments are extended over either a three-year period with a 25 percent deposit or a five-year period with a 10 percent deposit. Full payment is required only when a niche or crypt is needed for immediate use.

Committal services

Committal services may be scheduled by contacting the cemetery office at 574-631-5660. Committal services are available Monday–Friday and most Saturdays. A minimum of three days' notice is required, and a priest, deacon, or lay minister must be present. We are pleased to arrange, with the assistance of the Congregation of Holy Cross, for a religious to be present.



FaithND

FaithND invites you to deeply know, love, and serve God—a Notre Dame tradition rooted in the Congregation of Holy Cross. Join the Notre Dame family for shared reflection, learning, prayer, and service to those most in need. To make a Grotto prayer request, subscribe to the Daily Gospel Reflection, or learn about the opportunities to serve, please visit Faith.nd.edu.

Campus partners

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart serves as the mother church of the Congregation of Holy Cross in the United States. It is in the Basilica that Holy Cross religious profess final vows, seminarians are ordained priests, and deceased religious are commended to God. Likewise, it is a place of worship and prayer for students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as for regular worshippers, pilgrims, and countless visitors. Visit Basilica.nd.edu for a Mass schedule, to watch Mass online, or to take a virtual tour of the Basilica, its side chapels, and the museum.

Morris Inn

Morris Inn, known as the “living room of the University,” is the focal point for campus hospitality. Should you or your guests require overnight accommodations while on campus, please contact Morris Inn at 574-631-2000 to make a reservation.

In addition to state-of-the-art hotel accommodations, Morris Inn also offers multiple dining options, including Rohr’s, Wind Family Terrace, and a variety of private banquet spaces. To schedule a catered luncheon, please visit experience.nd.edu and click on the Dine tab or call 574-631-1400.

From our family to yours

Trappist Caskets, in partnership with the University of Notre Dame, now offers an exclusive line of custom-designed caskets and urns for members of the Notre Dame family.

As a work of the monks of New Melleray Abbey, Trappist caskets are built on a long tradition that combines a reverence for nature with a preference for old-world craftsmanship.

The self-sufficient Trappist tradition calls each monk to labor quietly with his hands in support of his life of prayer and simplicity. The result: expertly crafted caskets and urns made from the finest cherry, walnut, and oak available, much of it coming from the monastery's own award-winning forest.

The natural, earth-friendly choice. Trappist monks preserve the sanctity of nature by being responsible stewards of God's gifts. Their award-winning forest provides them with an abundance of premium woods, which they craft into elegantly designed caskets and urns.

In an effort to preserve their forest, they manage their woodlands to be a sustainable, healthy eco-system. That's why they plant far more trees than they will ever harvest.

Notre Dame caskets and urns come with an engraved seal or emblem authorized by the University of Notre Dame, and may be purchased separately or as a package that includes a matching guest register book. All caskets and urns include complimentary Keepsake Crosses engraved with the name of the deceased. The Keepsake Crosses are in addition to the removable cross that comes on the lid of each casket and urn.



God is in the details.

Each Trappist casket and urn is meticulously crafted the old-fashioned way—emphasizing attention to detail over the speed of mass production. Not a high-volume venture, Trappist Caskets reflects the values of the men who make them: integrity, honesty, and devotion to a higher calling.

Peace of mind.

If an immediate need arises, call Trappist Caskets at 888-433-6934 and they will ship a casket or urn for next-day delivery anywhere in the United States. For more information about caskets, urns, guest register books, and Keepsake Crosses, please visit their website at trappistcaskets.com.

Should you or your loved one choose to be interred on the University of Notre Dame campus in the Our Lady of Sorrows at Cedar Grove Cemetery mausoleum complex, most of these caskets and urns are designed and sized to fit our crypts and niches.

Advanced planning is also available. This allows you to make the decisions about your purchase of a Trappist casket ahead of time and locks in your price. You make the choices on your own terms, and your family can find comfort in knowing that your wishes are being met. To learn more, please visit trappistcaskets.com and click on the Planning Ahead link.

When your loved one is put to rest in a Trappist casket or urn, the monks offer a Mass in their honor and plant a tree in the abbey's sustainable forest as a living memorial. Each casket and urn is blessed by a monk prior to delivery.



Wood caskets and urns are customizable with either the Notre Dame seal or emblem. Eco-friendly options are now also available.



Guest register book and complimentary Keepsake Crosses



Built with integrity, honesty, and devotion to a higher calling





Christians embrace this earthly
life as a pilgrimage toward
eternity. When we die, the
wondrous gift of life is returned
to God. We place our hope in the
saving power of Christ's cross and
resurrection. We believe that a
lifetime spent welcoming Jesus
into our hearts finds its
fulfillment in the Lord's
invitation to come home to Him:
"Well done, my good and
faithful servant."

(Matthew 25:23)

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