

# St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

## Columbarium and Memorial Garden

The Columbarium provides a sacred place on Church property for the permanent repose of our departed loved one's cremated remains. The Columbarium is an answer to the age-old concern of the Christian community to participate in the proper disposition and identification of the earthly remains in hallowed ground, of those who have shared the fellowship of our Parish Family.



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### Wall Section View

(drawing on left)

- <- Row A niches
- <- Row B niches
- <- Row C niches
- <- Row D niches
- <- Row E niches

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **How are arrangements for cremation and inurnment made?**

The first contact is with the Parish Office to make arrangements for the pending funeral and inurnment, and to obtain urn specifications. Arrangements for cremation are made through a funeral home.

#### **May a particular niche be chosen?**

Yes. Initially every effort will be made to ensure that purchasers are able to select a niche of their choice. However, demand may require a selection lottery be used. Thereafter niches may be selected on the basis of those available at the time of purchase.

**Who is Eligible?** Any registered member of St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, his or her spouse (including non-Catholic spouses), his or her parents, and their children (i.e. natural, adopted or step-children), and/or previously registered member of St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church.

### Pricing

At the time the Columbarium Agreement is executed and paid in full it will cover the right of inurnment of cremains and perpetual care of the Columbarium. It does not convey ownership of any real property to the individuals who are party to the Agreement.

The price of a niche in the St. Andrew the Apostle Columbarium will vary based upon the level of the row as follows:

Row A	\$2,800
Row B	\$2,700
Row C	\$2,600
Row D	\$2,500
Row E	\$2,400

The price for engraving and inurnment at the time of need will be approximately \$400.00.

## Catholic Church Beliefs

### Cremation

The Catholic Church approved of cremations in 1963 as part of the reforms brought about at the Second Vatican Council. While the Church prefers burial or entombment, after the manner of Christ's own burial, it does not forbid cremation. The New Code of Canon Law (Can. 1176 #3) states: "The Church earnestly recommends that 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."

### Funeral Liturgy

Though the Holy See in 1997 allowed U.S. Bishops to grant permission to have cremated remains present at funeral Masses, most bishops instruct their flocks to hold the funeral Masses before cremation.

Proper care of the cremated remains is required by the Church. Scattering of ashes, making them into jewelry, or keeping them in one's home, is not permitted. A cremated body should be given proper burial in hallowed ground.



**For pre-planning and  
to discuss niche  
availability please contact:**

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