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GUIDELINES FOR FAMILIES PLANNING CREMATION BURIALS AS OF SEPT 1, 2018

As cremation gains acceptance and becomes more common in Catholic cemeteries throughout the nation (over 40% of burials at Calvary are cremation burials), families have questions about the process involved in making arrangements for final interment of loved ones' remains. These guidelines are intended to help by answering some common questions and making you aware of your options.

1. Where do I start?

You can elect to have a funeral home take care of the arrangements - phone calls, scheduling with the cemetery, finding & scheduling a priest for the committal service, keeping track of which paperwork has been gathered and which is still pending. This is true even if you have had the ashes in your possession for some time or if a different funeral home handled the original arrangements. Pricing varies depending on what services you choose; it's typical for a funeral home to have a basic "graveside service" option. You currently also have the option of making your own arrangements; reading these guidelines is a good place to start if you choose that option.

2. How do we get the cremated remains to you?

Usually, you will bring the remains with you on the day of burial. We are open for burials year-round. Occasionally, when death occurs out of state, and after our approval, the crematorium may mail the remains directly to us with your paperwork & payment for an urn entrusted directly to our care for burial at our convenience. When traveling with cremated remains, especially on airlines, be sure to carry the cremation certificate with you. (It is almost always included with the box from the crematorium.) Check with your airline; some require the ashes to be booked as cargo.

3. What about the service?

If you choose to have a committal service, you will make arrangements with the priest of your choice, and let us know what time and day you have chosen (normally before 2 p.m., and please note we are closed on Sundays). If you have a gathering after we have already buried the remains, please let us know when it is happening so we don't schedule another nearby burial at the same time.

4. What else do you need?

We will need the following:

- a copy of the death certificate
- a copy of the cremation certificate
- a check, cash or money order
- the remains
- a signed authorization form (available at our office, or at portlanddiocese.org/calvary).

5. How much does it cost?

Please call to discuss your specific situation. Applicable fees may include:

- the opening & closing of the grave
- overtime or Saturday surcharges
- additional rights, if applicable
- urn vault (the outer container into which the urn is placed)

6. What are additional rights fees?

Every cemetery lot is designed with a certain number of spaces: hence a 2-grave lot (2 spaces) or a 4-grave lot (4 spaces). Each space is designed to accommodate EITHER one full burial OR two cremations. Fees for "additional burial rights" apply if you choose to bury additional cremations (providing physical space allows) in a space that already has one full burial or two cremations in it - i.e., the standard rights for that space have been used. This can permit one last burial in an existing lot to keep family members together. Financially, it is roughly equivalent to buying rights in a new grave, depending on the sections involved.

7. **Do I have to get a vault from you?**

The "urn vault" - required at our cemetery - is the outer container into which the primary container - which contains the ashes - is placed. If arrangements are being made through a funeral home, you may obtain the urn vault through them. We make cement Wilbert vaults available for those who find it simpler to buy from us. Larger urn vaults are available, quoted on request; smaller urn vaults are available at the regular price in exceptional situations where space issues require a smaller box.

8. **What should we expect on the day of burial?**

The site will be set up with the urn vault already in the ground. There will be a small stand draped in greens on which you can place the urn or other container during the committal service or prayers. (This setup is included in standard opening/closing fees; there is no additional fee.) A cemetery worker will be nearby; let him know when you are through, and the burial of the ashes & closing of the urn vault will be completed when you leave.

*** WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU DURING THIS PROCESS ***