

Questions and Answers

What makes a Catholic Cemetery special?

A Catholic Cemetery is an extension of the ministry of the Catholic Church. Consecrated by a bishop, they are sacred places that remind us all of our Lord's promise of the resurrection.

May non-Catholics be buried in a Catholic Cemetery?

Yes. We believe that families should remain together even in death. A spouse, child, parent or relative who is not Catholic may be buried in a Catholic Cemetery.

Does the Church allow cremation?

Yes. Cremation has been an acceptable option for Catholics since 1963. The cremated remains must be treated with respect. They should be either interred or entombed. Scattering of ashes is not permitted.

Can I arrange my burial wishes in advance?

Yes. Pre-planning will relieve your family of the emotional burden of making stressful decisions at the time of a death. By pre-planning you ensure that your wishes will be known and carried out. Our interest-free payment plans allow a family to work within a budget that they can afford.

What are the guidelines concerning flowers and wreaths?

Fresh cut flowers are allowed on graves from April 1 to November 1. Winter wreaths are allowed after November 1 and must be removed from graves by April 1.

In the mausoleum only artificial flowers are allowed. On the day of the funeral three family pieces are allowed. They are removed by the next morning.

Are your sales counselors commissioned?

No. Our sales counselors are here to assist you and will not pressure you into buying anything you do not wish to purchase. We encourage pre-planning so that the pressures of having to make quick decisions are removed.

Which Funeral Home do you recommend?

We deal with all Funeral Homes. Families are advised to visit the Funeral Homes directly to determine the one that best meets your needs.

Do we have to use a vault?

There are sections St . Peter's Cemetery that require a vault, or a vault to be pre-installed. In other areas a vault is optional. We recommend using a burial vault as a protective outer container for the casket. Many families select the use of a burial vault for the peace of mind that it brings.

If we own interment rights and we move can we sell them?

Yes. The cemetery will purchase the interment rights back, less care and maintenance amount. No interment rights can be sold for profit. The interment rights holder can transfer the ownership to another party or family member subject to an administration fee.

What is the care and maintenance fund?

The care and maintenance fund is a trust established by the Catholic Cemeteries-Diocese of London from funds received from the sale of interment rights, markers, or marker installations for the purpose of providing money for the care and maintenance of the cemetery.

Can anyone be buried in our lot?

The interment rights holder of the grave must give permission in writing for any interment and the number of burials permitted will be determined by the type of interment rights.

What happens to the ownership when I die?

The responsibility for ownership will then pass to the trustee(s) of your estate. In most cases, this is your children. They will then handle the affairs at the cemetery. It is a very good idea to have a written Will naming trustees, heirs etc.