

Sacred Heart Cemetery – Columbarium Rules and Prices

COLUMBARIUM RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION.

(A) The cemetery is responsible for the reservation and maintenance of columbarium niches. The cemetery will establish records regarding the columbarium. These records will include the names of those who have reserved a niche, copies of Columbarium Right Agreements, copies of Certificates of Cremation, Columbarium Rules and Regulations and Niche Maintenance Reports.

(B) A columbarium niche is for the interment of human remains only. Deceased pets, valuables, flowers, mementoes, etc. will not be allowed in a niche.

(C) Niche openings can only be performed by cemetery employees. Anyone, other than a cemetery employee, who attempts to open a niche, will be prosecuted under state and local laws. Any acts of vandalism will also be prosecuted under state and local laws.

(D) The cemetery will be responsible for repairs to the columbarium. The cemetery will take all reasonable care to ensure the safety of interred remains. However, the cemetery will not be held responsible for the loss or destruction of interred remains due to vandalism, acts of nature or any unforeseen circumstances.

NICHES.

(A) The urn must be purchased through the cemetery when purchasing the niche.

NICHE RESERVATIONS.

(A) Upon payment in full, a Columbarium Right Agreement will be given to the person or persons who purchased the rights to the niche (hereby known as the lessee(s)). This is their proof of payment and should be kept in a safe place that is known to family members or friends. The lessee(s) will receive a copy of the Columbarium Rules and Regulations.

(B) The holder of the Agreement acquires no property rights in the columbarium or any of its niches. Legal title to the columbarium and niches remains with the cemetery at all times. The Agreement attests only to the right to inter cremains of the person(s) named on the Agreement in the specific niche, also stated on the Agreement, pursuant to the Columbarium Rules and Regulations, as amended from time to time. In the event of a discrepancy between the Agreement and the administrative records, the latter shall take preference.

(C) Columbarium Right Agreements for a niche can only be made through the cemetery. A niche must be paid in full before interment. There will be no exceptions to this rule. The cemetery will buy back a niche from the owner for the original price paid upon written request of said owner or his/her legal heirs or representatives.

(D) A niche reservation cannot be transferred or sold without first notifying the cemetery. A new Columbarium Right Agreement in the name of the new lessee(s) must be written before any niche transfer is considered legal.

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INTERMENT.

(A) Interment arrangements must be made by the lessee or the lessee's family; this can be done through a funeral home or by contracting the cemetery directly.

(B) A copy of the Certificate of Cremation must accompany the cremains. Any orders from the funeral home are considered orders from a family.

(C) Any funeral home costs are the responsibility of the lessee or the lessee's family. An opening and closing fee will be assessed at the time of the opening at the current rate.

MEMORIALIZE NICHE PLATE.

(A) To maintain the columbarium in a uniform manner, the cemetery will arrange for the bronze plate of the niche plaque and/or scroll. Only first and last name, date of birth, and death date will be allowed.

(B) Only one front scroll will be allowed on all niche plaques.

(C) A niche plate fee will be assessed at the time that the niche is purchased at the current rate. Niche plaques are required to be engraved. Engraving of the niche plaques are allowed before interment of the cremains.

FLOWERS AND WREATHS.

(A) No flower arrangements, plants, wreaths, toys, or mementoes will be allowed to be placed near the Columbarium at any time, except at the time of interment.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

(A) No overall identifying memorials or plaques will be permitted on any niche unless placed there by the cemetery authority.

(B) At the discretion of the parish cemetery authority, religious emblems and military designations may be permitted on the niche fronts. In order to preserve the uniform integrity and simple beauty such emblems and designations must be purchased and installed through the cemetery authority.

(C) Under no circumstance may any item be glued, taped, or in any other way affixed directly to a niche, except by cemetery authority. Such placements will be removed and disposed of immediately.

(D) No overall identifying memorials or plaques will be permitted on any niche unless placed there by the cemetery staff.

(E) Items may not be placed in front of the columbarium, except at the time of interment.

REMOVAL OF THE INTERRED CREMAINS.

(A) In the event that the columbarium requires repairs in order to maintain its integrity, the lessee(s) agrees to permit the temporary removal of any cremains until those repairs are completed. The cremains will be returned to the proper niche by the cemetery.

(B) If cremains must be removed from the columbarium by the family or an authorized person, a written request must be made to the cemetery. This request must explain the reason for the removal, who is making the request, their relationship with the deceased, the day and time requested for the

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removal, and who will take possession of the cremains. Additional information or documentation may be required.

(C) An opening and closing fee will be assessed at the time of the opening at the current rate. The cemetery will exercise reasonable care in making a removal, but it assumes no liability for damage to any urn in the process of making a removal.

(D) If a niche's cover has already been delivered or attached to the niche, the cost of replacement cover is not the responsibility of the cemetery. Replacement covers can be obtained from the cemetery at the current rate.

PENALTY.

Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions within chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500 and/or imprisonment for up to 90 days in jail, as may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

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COLUMBARIUM PRICING – 12/1/2025

Niche Pricing- Columbarium II

- All niches are doubles, hold two urns
- There are 12 niches per row: 8 double deep and 4 double wide
- Columbarium has 6 levels; Level 1 is ground and level 6 is top

Level	Double Deep	Double Wide
1	\$2,300	\$2,500
2	\$2,800	\$3,000
3	\$3,000	\$3,200
4	\$3,000	\$3,200
5	\$3,000	\$3,200
6	\$3,000	\$3,200

Bronze and Urn Pricing

Required at time of niche purchase

- Bronze Name Plate ----- \$650.00
- Urn (each) ----- \$175.00

Purchased at time of passing

- Bronze End Date (each) ----- \$100.00

Other Costs

- Opening/closing columbarium niche ----- \$250.00