Our Catholic Cemeteries

Full Body or Cremation?
Catholic cemeteries provide a variety of options for both full body and cremation. Since the presence of the body best expresses the values which the Church affirms in our funeral rites, the presence of the body at the funeral rites is preferred. Cremation is permitted as long as it has not been chosen for reasons contrary to Church teaching.

When cremation is chosen, the Church does encourage that the funeral mass be celebrated with the body present. Cremation would then follow the mass. As an alternative, the Church does provide an option of the funeral mass in the presence of the cremated body.

In keeping with the sacred nature of the body, the Church asks that the cremated body be treated with the same respect as the full body from which it came. This includes burial of the cremated body in the cemetery. “The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.” (Order of Christian Funerals, #417)

Pre-planning a Catholic Burial
Preparation for death is an essential part of life for a Christian. 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.

We invite you to prayerfully consider the information provided in this brochure. The Catholic cemeteries’ staff can provide you with additional information as you consider pre-planning decisions.

For additional information, please call: 1-888-784-8683 (toll free)
www.acc-seattle.org

Mission Statement
We trust in Jesus to use our hearts and hands to comfort His people, celebrate the dignity of life and offer hope. Catholic cemeteries are signs of hope that are places of prayer. They witness our faith in the Lord Jesus and the hope we share in resurrection. This ministry is extended through the education of parishioners concerning pre-arrangement planning, and scheduled opportunities for prayer. ACC also serves as a resource to parishes regarding funeral and burial issues.

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A LEGACY OF FAITH

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY

This is the final resting place for the members of our Faith Community on our journey to God. It is the gate of heaven.

Burial in the consecrated ground of the Catholic cemetery allows you to share your faith values with the future generations of your family. This legacy of faith is your gift to them.

Archdiocesan Catholic cemeteries — Calvary, Holyrood, Gethsemane, St. Patrick — have served the burial needs of our Catholic community in the Puget Sound area since the 1880’s.

Catholic cemeteries are not simply a place where we bury the dead. They are places where a Christian life — both natural and supernatural — is celebrated and honored. They witness our faith in the Lord Jesus and the hope we share in resurrection.

ASSOCIATED CATHOLIC CEMETERIES · ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

Calvary Cemetery, Seattle
5041 - 35th Ave. NE, 98105
206-522-0996

Dedicated on December 1, 1889 when the State of Washington was less than one month old. For well over a century it has served the burial needs of Seattle’s Catholic community.

Holyrood Cemetery, Shoreline
205 NE 205th St., 98155
206-363-8404

Dedicated on November 1, 1953, the cemetery serves our Faith Community in King and Snohomish counties. It is beautifully situated overlooking Lake Ballinger.

Gethsemane Cemetery, Federal Way
37600 Pacific Highway S., 98003
253.838.2240 (Sea.)
253-927-3350 (Tac.)

Dedicated on May 3, 1975, this land is rich with the history of the Tacoma Catholic community. Between 1888 and 1936, it was the site of St. George’s Industrial School for Native Americans. Today it serves the burial needs of our Faith Community in south King and north Pierce counties.

St. Patrick Cemetery, Kent
S. 204th and Orillia Rd.
contact Gethsemane Cemetery
253-838-2240

Established in 1880 and donated to the Diocese of Nesqually (now the Archdiocese of Seattle) on February 13, 1902. This small quaint cemetery, whose rustic appearance and rural location are appealing to many, takes us back to our pioneer burial tradition. It provides scenic views of Mt. Rainier and the Kent valley.