## REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services (CFCS) of Oakland offers a unique program that allows for the placement of cremated remains in our All Souls Remembrance Crypt at no charge.



# Free Interment of Cremated Remains

## Catholic Cremation

The Church has accepted cremation for over fifty years. It is encouraged that the remains be kept intact (not scattered or divided).

## Have Your Cremated Remains Interred For Free

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of Oakland offers at no cost to anyone, of any faith, the dignified committal of cremated remains at any of our cemeteries.

## Living Our Mission

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services (CFCS) makes end-of-life services more affordable so that everyone in the community can have a dignified and sacred resting place.





### **MAIN BENEFITS**

- Free interment of cremated remains
- Committal service
- Permanent recordation
- Open to all faiths

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Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services (CFCS) offers at no charge, to anyone, of any faith, who has cremated remains at home or is considering scattering, the dignified committal of the remains at any of our cemeteries. The committal will occur at the All Souls Remembrance Crypt and then the remains will be permanently interred within the consecrated grounds of the Catholic Cemetery.

### Highlights of the Program:

- Free placement in the Remembrance Crypt available at any of our cemeteries
- A committal service from the Order of Christian Funerals
- A permanent recordation of interment, as well as an optional cenotaph for memorialization
- Remains always stay within consecrated grounds
- Open to all funeral homes
- Open to all faiths

## Frequently Asked Questions:

# Why does Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services offer this program?

With the growth of cremation and in light of the Church's teaching regarding the proper disposition of cremated remains, it is our mission as a ministry serving the Catholic Church to offer a dignified and sacred resting place for all.

#### Are the remains retrievable?

Yes, remains can be disinterred from the remembrance crypt at no cost.

#### Can I have a memorial for a loved one?

Complimentary placement does not include memorialization; however, a cenotaph is available for inscription at all of the remembrance crypts for a small fee.

### What is the Church's teaching?

The Church teaches that the cremated remains of the body be buried or entombed and receive the "Rite of Committal." Scattering the remains, keeping them at home or dividing them among various family members is not the reverent disposition that the Church requires, "The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy, it honors the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit."

# How long are the remains placed within the All Souls Remembrance Crypt?

At the time of committal the remains are placed within the All Souls Remembrance Crypt. In the future, based upon capacity, the remains may be relocated; however, they will always be interred within the consecrated grounds of Catholic Cemeteries.

"Having a permanent place of remembrance is an important part of the grieving and healing process."

Kindlen Robles
Director of Cemeteries

# ADDITIONAL CREMATION OPTIONS

All Souls Crypt

FREE

Cenotaph

Starting at \$275

Niche and Glass Front Niches Inquire at Cemetery

Family Cremation Estates
Inquire at Cemetery

Family Heritage Inquire at Cemetery

#### CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

- St. Joseph Cemetery
   & Funeral Center FD1960
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery & Funeral Center FD1959
- Holy Cross Cemetery
   & Funeral Center FD1958
- St. Mary Cemetery FD1955
- Cathedral of Christ the Light
- Cooper Chapel FD381
- Sorensen Chapel FD126
- Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
   & Funeral Center FD1456
- St. Michael Cemetery & Funeral Center FD1974
- St. Augustine Cemetery
- Mission San Jose





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