

The Benefits of Optional Complete Service

The Catholic church expects the burial of Catholics in Catholic cemeteries and welcomes their-non-Catholic Family members as well. The Catholic Church believes that those who were together in life should not be separated in death.

For those who prefer convenience and savings, the Catholic Cemeteries offer the Optional Complete Service (OCS). Under one arrangement, all of the following can be provided for:

- † A grave: type and location of their choice
- † The Interment/Vault Handling Service Fee
- † An approved outer burial container
- † Future care of the grave

Instead of a series of relatively large expenses, often purchased at the time of death, these items can be arranged for now on low monthly payments with no interest for two years.

Grave Selection

Optional Complete Service allows a person to select a grave type and location of their choice. The Catholic Cemeteries offer **flush marker graves** that are located in a section where the grave markers are flat on the ground; **Slant marker Graves** where there may be a slant marker 16" high or **Monument graves**, where the grave can accommodate an upright family monument. The Catholic Cemeteries also provide graves that are especially designed for cremated remains.

With the Optional Complete Service, a family may select a grave that is close to a shrine in a section, or a grave closer to the road for easier access, or a grave that is close to other family members. The grave type and location will in part determine the total cost of an Optional Complete Service package.

Interment Fee

This fee includes the actual cost of opening and closing the grave site, services at the chapel or at the grave site, the handling of the concrete outer burial container, as well as other related cemetery tasks. The duties that are performed by the office, field and supervisory staffs before, during, and after a burial are included in this fee.

Outer Burial Container

The Catholic Cemeteries require that all caskets be placed in an approved outer burial container. Outer burial containers minimize ground settlement, allowing the cemetery grounds to remain level, easy to maintain, and free from hazardous and uneven ground conditions. All of the outer burial containers offered by the Catholic Cemeteries meet rigid specifications and have passed testing by an independent laboratory. The outer burial container selected will also play a part in determining the final cost of the OCS package selected. A choice of three different types of approved outer burial containers is available in the Optional Complete Service package. Your choices are as follows.

- † The Midland – this cemetery grave box is made of reinforced concrete, with the sides, bottom and cover being at least 1 ½ inches thick. As such, it resists both weight loads and deterioration. This unit is not painted or covered with asphalt; utility is its only function.
- † Mark III Sealed Outer Container – the next step up from the Grave Box is the sealed outer container. This container is coated with water resistant asphalt. The “tongue and groove” construction is sealed with a butyl tape, which joins the base and cover to form a single unit. The cover bears a cross, a symbol of our faith. A nameplate on the cover identifies the deceased.
- † Brentwood Sealed Lined Vault – this sealed, lined vault has a polystyrene water resistant liner placed in the concrete base and cover during manufacturing. The polystyrene liner is adhered to the concrete with a special epoxy. The vault is also coated with water resistant asphalt, thus providing a “double” protection. The “tongue and groove” construction in conjunction with the butyl tape provides an immediate and secure seal. This vault also bears a cross. A nameplate on the cover identifies the deceased.

Future Care

Future care of grave space is based on Income Care. Due to ground conditions, graves may settle. The Future Care of the grave includes the lawn care based on Income Care paid at time of grave or crypt purchase.