

As Christians, we live in hope and preparation for the life to come. We take comfort in the promise of the Resurrection because we believe that life will change, *not end*.

About Catholic Cemeteries

Catholic Cemeteries are an extension of parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver; a place for prayer, reflection, remembrance and hope. We advocate for the community to set aside their sacred place for remembrance. As part of the Church family and a community of believers, we exist to help families live on.

Proceeds after cost stay in the community to support Archdiocesan ministry and pastoral care programming.

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CATHOLIC FUNERAL & CEMETERY BASICS

SET ASIDE *a SACRED PLACE*
for REMEMBRANCE





Planning for the end of life on earth is an expression of acceptance, trust, and faith in the RESURRECTION. *Our ministry is committed to assisting you. We offer sacred burial space, counsel for meaningful funerals, and aftercare support.* 

PLANNING PROVIDES PEACE of MIND

Taking time to plan now provides peace of mind, creates something beautiful for your family, and avoids financial and mental stress. It allows you to make decisions with those you love now, lessening the emotional burden on one's spouse or children later. A good first step is a no-obligation meeting with a Family Services Advisor to learn about your options for memorial planning and burial.

We offer a free downloadable guide to assist you in planning. This guide and other resources are available at rccav.org/legacy-planning

CATHOLIC FUNERALS and RITUALS BRING HEALING

There is deep beauty and meaning in the Catholic funeral tradition. We pray for the soul of the deceased in the hope that God will prepare a place for them in His fullness, and we pray also for the condolence of those left behind. A funeral Mass provides spiritual fulfillment—the rites themselves can bring hope, peace and renewal.

We work with family independent funeral homes who provide services such as funeral Mass coordination, obituary notices and transportation. For more information visit rccav.org/funeral-homes

CATHOLICS and CREMATION

Many Catholics are now choosing cremation, an alternative accepted by the church for decades. At Gardens of Gethsemani, burial types offered include traditional plots, mausoleum crypts or a variety of options for cremation.

We know that God created us in His image and likeness, so we honour our bodies with respect in life and in death. Because the body is created as a temple of the Holy Spirit, the Archdiocese of Vancouver requires that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, with cremation occurring after the Mass. Cremated remains should be placed in a worthy container with burial in sacred grounds in a grave or interred in a mausoleum or columbarium.

WE'RE HERE to HELP

If you recently experienced a loss, please know you do not have to go through this alone. We are here to support you, and can help you make immediate arrangements. If a referral to a parish priest is needed, please inform us and we will do so. We also have a priest assigned to our ministry, so please contact us should you want to meet with him.