Cremation IS Permissible

In May 1963, the Vatican’s Holy Office (now the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith) lifted the prohibition forbidding Catholics to choose cremation. This permission was incorporated into the revised Code of Canon Law of 1983 (Canon #1176), as well as into the Order of Christian Funerals. It then became standard practice to celebrate the funeral liturgies with the body and then take the body to the crematorium. Most recently the bishops of the United States and Holy See have authorized the celebration of a Catholic funeral liturgy with the cremated remains when the body is cremated before the funeral.

For more information on the St. Lawrence Martyr Columbarium, please contact Yvonne Fisher in the Parish Office 310.540.0329 x289 Yvonne.Fisher@stlm.org

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Why build a Columbarium at St. Lawrence Martyr?
The completion of our Church remodel has given us the opportunity to move forward with providing this special pastoral service to our Parishioners to allow cremated remains to be inurned on the premises in a Columbarium.

What are the advantages of choosing the Church Columbarium as opposed to a cemetery?
This is a personal choice. Many people choose to be placed in a Columbarium at their Church because of a strong desire to be laid to rest on the grounds of a Church that they loved and served. They like the simplicity of the process and want to preserve a nearness to the Church. The proximity makes it convenient for visits by loved ones and for periods of meditation and reflection.

Who may be inurned at the St. Lawrence Martyr Columbarium?
The Columbarium is intended for the use of St. Lawrence Martyr parishioners and their families.

Where will the Columbarium be located?
The Columbarium will be located in the Narthex of the Church.

How will the Columbarium be funded?
The costs for building and maintaining the Columbarium will be self-funded from the proceeds of the sale of the Right of Inurnment in designated Niches.

May I select the Niche that I want?
Yes, depending upon availability at the time of purchase. Niche location will be recorded on the “Right of Inurnment Certificate” and the Parish’s internal records.

What is the cost of a Niche?
Niches will initially range in price from $5,000.00 to $15,000.00. Location in the Columbarium determines the final purchase price. A Pricing Sheet is available with the Sales Packet. The purchase price covers all costs directly associated with Inurnment: the use of the designated Niche, the Urn(s), inscription(s) on the Niche marble faceplate and the perpetual care and maintenance of the Columbarium.

Is financing available?
No. Niches must be paid for in full at time of purchase in order to obtain a Right of Inurnment Certificate.

Learn more at stlm.org/columbarium