

The Columbarium at Grace Cathedral

The columbarium is located on the gallery level of the cathedral. The columbarium itself has two levels, upper and lower. A very limited number of spaces are still available on the lower level and numerous spaces are available on the upper level. There are both single spaces and double spaces. (The double spaces hold two urns in the same niche.) To see available spaces, please make an appointment.

Columbarium spaces are currently available at two price levels: \$10,000 and \$8,000.

- The \$10,000 spaces are those where the memorial plaque on the outside of the cabinet door appears at "eye to heart" level.
- The \$8,000 spaces are all the rest of the niches. The plaque on the outside of the door appears at heart level or below.

"Memorial-only" plaques are also available at a cost of \$2,500. For these, there is no niche inside the cabinet and therefore no placement of ashes. Only the memorial plaque appears on the cabinet door. (In some cases, people have chosen to purchase actual niches as memorial-only spaces. This is perfectly acceptable, although of course more expensive.)

The price for a columbarium space includes:

- The bronze urn, which we supply. This ensures that the urn will fit into our niche and saves the cost of paying the crematorium or funeral home for an urn.
- The cast bronze plaque that is mounted on the cabinet door.
- The entry of names and dates in a digital Book of Remembrance.
- A committal service in the Chapel of St. Francis. The committal is a brief service of prayers during which the urn is placed in its niche. If a fuller funeral service of Christian Burial or a Requiem Eucharist is planned, columbarium holders receive a 10% discount on the cost of that service.

Discounts

Discounted prices are offered to the following categories of persons:

• Pledging members of the cathedral congregation, whether purchasing spaces for themselves or for family members.

- Members of the clergy canonically resident in the Diocese of California, whether active or retired.
- Currently active staff members of the cathedral, the diocese, or the Cathedral School for Boys.
- Those with a significant history of involvement with the diocese or Grace Cathedral for example, former bishops, former deans, etc.

Discounted prices are:

\$10,000 spaces = \$8,000 \$8,000 spaces = \$6,000 \$2,500 plaques = \$2,000

How to pay

Payment can be made as follows:

• A one-time payment of the full purchase price, by credit card, check or electronic funds transfer.

For those purchasing in advance of need:

- Three installments made over the course of one year by credit card, check or electronic funds transfer, or
- Authorization for a monthly credit card charge. The monthly installment must be enough to complete payment within 24 months and can be any amount larger than that.

What we cannot do

- We cannot accept agreements for future payment at the time of death for example, "When I die, my insurance will pay the \$10,000" or "When I die, my estate will pay the cost." Columbarium spaces can be secured only by using one of the three payment plans outlined above.
- We cannot accept indefinite requests to "save spaces." If you have a specific niche space in mind and need time to think it over or discuss it with family members, we can place a temporary hold on the space of your choice for up to one month. At the end of that time, if you have not finalized the purchase, the space will be released for sale to others.

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