

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Diocese of Syracuse

Preplanning Guide

Catholic Cemeteries has prepared this introductory guide to help you better understand the details and importance of burial preplanning. Whether you're planning ahead, have an immediate need or are simply curious about after-life services, Catholic Cemeteries is here to help you now.

For immediate answers, connect with a Family Services Guide:

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“I always look at this position as being helpful for families in one of the most difficult times they will go through in life. If I can make the process quick and friendly and thorough then I have done my job and completed a fulfilling day. We as a group really feel that we work for our families. That we are here for them in any way they may need. We spend our days in service to the deceased in our cemeteries and to the family members left here to honor them.”

TINA SMITH

Catholic Cemeteries Family Services Guide

WHY PLAN AHEAD?

We make plans throughout our lives. With good reason, too. Similar to insurance, investment, healthcare and legal life planning decisions, burial preplanning delivers many benefits to those that plan ahead. The fact is, there are many advantages to planning end-of-life services ahead of time: emotional, personal and financial.



Over 50% of people over 50 years of age preplan their burial arrangements.

Planning ahead not only provides peace of mind, it often saves time and money. Planning your after-life services with Catholic Cemeteries is no different.

Planning ahead removes the emotional and financial burden from your family members during a challenging time, and ensures your final wishes will be carried out exactly the way you want. Preplanning is also a financially prudent decision, as it allows you to pay for burial services at today's prices while having the flexibility to alter your choices tomorrow, avoiding the effects of inflation and rising costs while securing your final resting place.

Ultimately, our goal is to provide all the guidance and professionalism our generations of experience allow. To schedule a complimentary preplanning meeting, call (315) 475-4639, or fill out and submit the form on our Contact page.

WHERE SHOULD I START?

You can start by setting up an appointment with one of our Family Services Guides. Their deep understanding of the emotional and practical aspects of planning after-life services has helped generations of families make the right decisions. Here are the basic steps of the preplanning process:

STEP 1: *Choose your cemetery location*

Catholic Cemeteries offers 16 beautifully maintained cemeteries on consecrated grounds in Central New York, the Mohawk Valley and the Southern Tier. All of our locations are idyllic, peaceful settings that encourage visitors to relax, reflect and remember.

STEP 2: *Choose your burial option*

With Catholic Cemeteries, you can make arrangements for traditional inground, mausoleum or columbarium for cremation as well as family plots and private family mausoleums.

STEP 3: *Choose the monument or memorialization options you prefer*

Depending on your burial option, Catholic Cemeteries can assist you memorializing your site with monuments, markers, mausoleum memorials, reflection benches, floral replenishment services and permanent bronze emblems. Personalized mass services can be preplanned as well.

Preplanning is a process and these steps can be completed over time, but it is important to get the process started. Your Family Services Guide will guide you through the process by listening to you, answering your questions and addressing your concerns. Then, using faith-inspired guidance and expertise, they will explain the many options available to you - from cremation to burial to memorials to personalized services.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can Catholics be cremated?

Yes, Catholics can be cremated. Our Family Services Guides will advise you regarding Church guidelines and personal preferences. Their deep understanding of the emotional and practical aspects of planning after-life services has helped generations of families make the right decisions. They will start by listening to you, answering your questions and addressing your concerns. Then, using faith-inspired guidance and expertise, they will explain the many options available to you—from cremation to burial to memorials to personalized services.

What if I'm not Catholic?

Yes, we can help you, regardless of your faith. One of our Family Services Guides will be happy to discuss your circumstances and counsel you on making the right decisions moving forward.



What is a Family Services Guide?

A Family Services Guide assists families and individuals with all of their end-of-life, burial and memorialization needs, regardless of where they are in the process. You can reach out at any time, and they will be happy to answer your questions and provide all the guidance you need.

Are cemetery arrangements and funeral arrangements the same?

No. Whether you're preplanning or have an immediate need, making arrangements with Catholic Cemeteries only pertains to burial/interment and memorialization. One of our Family Services Guides will be happy to answer your questions about making both funeral and burial arrangements, and advise you on how to proceed.

Can I prepay for interment/cremation?

Yes, you may pay in full, in advance, based on today's prices. Or, you can choose to purchase cemetery space now and pay for your memorial and other expenses at a later date. In addition, we also offer payment plans. Inquire with a Family Services Guide for more details.

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