

Can Catholics Be Cremated?

- ◇ Yes, cremation is permitted by the Catholic Church. However, the preferable way to show dignity to the deceased still remains the traditional one, burial in the earth.
- ◇ Usually, cremation takes place after the Funeral Mass. The coffin is brought into church, placed in front of the altar during the funeral mass. This Mass is the “last time” that a person comes to church.
- ◇ The cremated body is to be shown reverence and dignity. For that reason, Catholics are not to scatter the cremated body. The urn is to be placed in the ground or in a niche (columbarium).
- ◇ It is hard to let go of a loved one, but the urn with the cremated body are not to be kept in the home.
- ◇ If you need help or advice, let us know at the Parish Center.