A Ministry of the Diocese of Oakland

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services

CFCS is your complete resource for all your end-of-life services

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Living Our Mission

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services

Caring for Families in Our Community.

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Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services (CFCS) of the Diocese of Oakland is a charitable organization founded in faith and dedicated to providing education, support and professional services.

We are devoted to earning your trust as your community resource for today and tomorrow—at all times guided by faith, cultural traditions and your financial preferences.

FUNERAL

Sharing the Moment

Just as every individual is unique, so is every funeral.

CEMETERY

A Sanctuary for the Living

A permanent place of remembrance. Inspiring environments.

CREMATION

Creating New Traditions

Accepted by the Church. Flexible and affordable services.

~ Rich Traditions Connected by Faith ~

Following Our Faith.

Caring and Compassionate

The loss of a loved one is always difficult. Celebrating the gift of faith with family and friends is an essential part of the healing process. We walk with you through this most difficult moment ensuring that your wishes are fulfilled.

Serving our Community

As a ministry, we have been a vital part of community life for more than 100 years. We continue to give back to the community, balancing the needs of families today with the needs of the community tomorrow. We are committed to providing assistance to families in need, and no family is ever turned away.

The Benefits of Advanced Planning

Planning ahead is one of the most loving and responsible things you can do for your family. With the assistance of CFCS in planning for your family's funeral and cemetery needs, you can ensure your wishes are met, avoid emotional overspending, and provide peace of mind for yourself and your loved ones.

To speak with a caring and qualified advisor

Call (510) 250-2044 or visit us online at cfcsoakland.org

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FUNERAL
Sharing the Moment

The Catholic Funeral Rites in the Order of Christian Funerals are a celebration of faith that enable loved ones and the community to mourn by focusing on the promise of everlasting life and the hope of Resurrection in Christ.

Three distinct rites are provided at the time of the funeral. Each rite serves an important purpose in guiding our family and friends through loss, grief and the journey of healing:

Vigil & Visitation

The Vigil is often the first time family, friends and members of the community gather for prayer and support, in remembrance of a treasured life.

Funeral Liturgy

The Funeral Mass is the principle celebration of the Christian Funeral, where family and friends join to reaffirm that life has not ended. It is the memorial of Christ's sacrifice, and is a reminder that we are one with Christ in life, death and Resurrection.

Committal

The Committal is the final service and time of interment. Here, family and friends gather to take their final leave with the comfort and promise of everlasting life in the Resurrection.

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Connected by Faith

Woven into the context of the funeral rites is an abundance of Catholic symbols and metaphors that convey the dramatic journey from baptism to redemption through Christ. Our locations' warm and welcoming environments provide a sanctuary for family and friends to join and reaffirm the belief that life has not ended.

Personal Services

As a ministry serving the community, we pride ourselves on providing quality services and personal attention to all families. We offer affordable, traditional and unique options, ensuring that the services chosen represent the life lived.

Your Complete Resource

CFCS proudly offers both funeral and cemetery services, all under the guidance of the Diocese of Oakland. Families can take care of all their needs in a single visit, with CFCS coordinating the arrangements with the Church, priest, staff, and family.

HOW TO PLAN

1. Parish

- ☐ Speak with your local priest
- ☐ Decide on a location for the Vigil and Liturgy

2. Funeral Home

- ☐ Select a provider for funeral services

3. Cemetery

- ☐ Work with the cemetery to select committal options

CONSIDERATIONS

Plan ahead to secure peace of mind for you and your family.

Items:

1. Church

- ☐ Priest to Officiate
- ☐ Services in Parish or Funeral Center

2. Funeral Home

- ☐ Select a Provider
- ☐ Casket

3. Services

- ☐ Readings
- ☐ Obituary
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Photography/Video
- ☐ Flowers
- ☐ Guest Book
- ☐ Prayer Cards
- ☐ Reception

4. Cemetery

- ☐ Placement Options
- ☐ Memorialization

CREMATION

Embracing New Traditions

Cremation is a practice that has been accepted by the Catholic Church for over 50 years.

For those choosing cremation, the Catholic funeral tradition affords sacred and beautiful rituals that bring comfort to loved ones. There are two options when choosing to have a church service that are beautiful expressions of faith and reverence:

FUNERAL MASS
(preferred)

VIGIL
↓
MASS
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CREMATION
↓
COMMITTAL

MEMORIAL SERVICE

CREMATION
↓
MEMORIAL
↓
COMMITTAL

Help with Every Detail

- The cost of cremation varies based on the services selected. CFCS cremation services range from the affordable basic cremation plan, to more inclusive full-service plans.
- Free interment option for cremated remains with our All Souls Remembrance Program.
- We suggest that you plan in advance for your funeral and cemetery arrangements.
- Reduce the stress on your family, keep expenses manageable and allow family and friends the opportunity to gather at an important time.

Accepted by the Catholic Church.
Flexible and affordable services.

Where to start?

Cremation offers a variety of choices, from a simple gathering to a traditional ceremony. Our experienced and dedicated staff can guide you in selecting services to suit your family's needs.

What is the Church's Position on Cremation?

While there is a preference for traditional burial, as Christ was buried in the tomb, the Church has permitted cremation for over 50 years. Cremation should respect the human body and belief in the Resurrection.

When Should the Cremation Occur?

The preference is for cremation to occur following the funeral liturgy so that the body can be present for the vigil and funeral services. However, it is possible to have a memorial service with the cremated remains present.

What is the Proper Handling of Cremated Remains?

The Church teaches that cremated remains should be kept together (not scattered or divided) to respect the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit and preferably interred in the consecrated grounds of a Catholic Cemetery.

What Does the Cemetery Offer?

Our cemeteries are sacred places for the living to memorialize their loved ones, with a variety of burial choices including personalized glass front niches and beautiful cremation burial sites. Financial concerns should never stop one from choosing a place of permanent remembrance. As such, we provide free of charge to people of all faiths, the dignified placement of cremated remains with our All Souls Remembrance Program.

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CEMETERY

A Sanctuary for the Living

Catholic Cemeteries are an extension of our Parishes; a place for prayer, reflection, hope and remembrance. The cemetery is a vital part of Catholic life, expressing our faith, reverence and respect for sacred burial on consecrated grounds.

> **"At our Catholic Cemeteries, we embrace everyone with the love of Christ and pray that they are blessed with His Grace, at a time when their cross is extremely heavy. Our Chapel and Cemetery environments are warm and alive with memories that will live on."**
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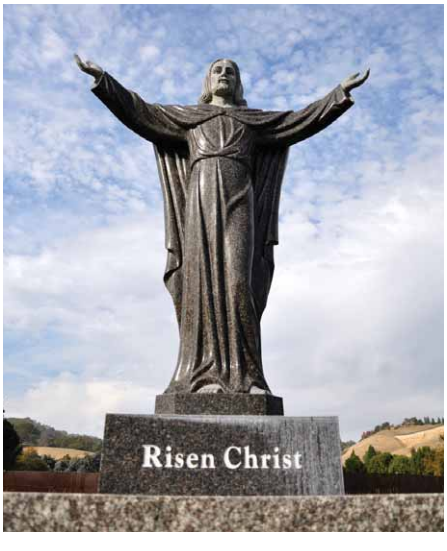
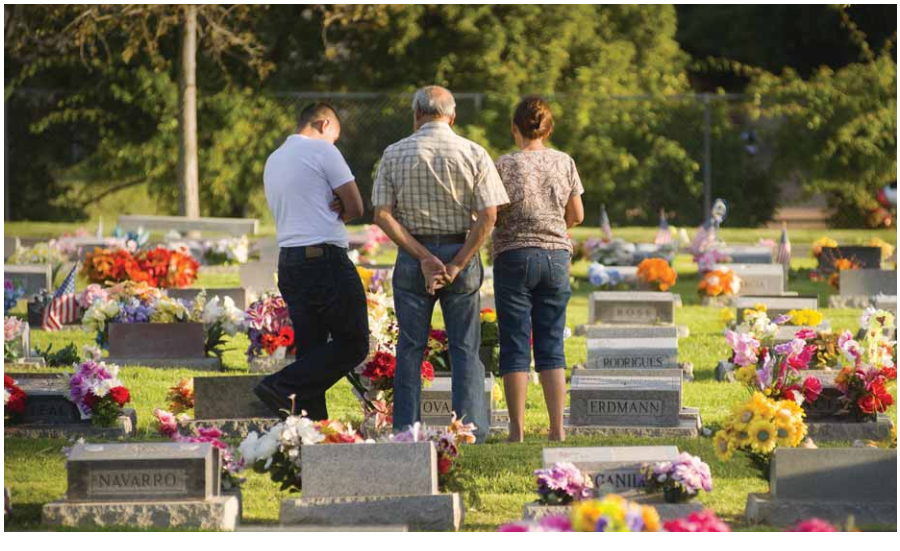
> **— Chris Reguero**
> ***Director of Cemeteries and Funeral***





A permanent place for remembering, in natural and inspiring environments.

What is the Importance of a Catholic Cemetery?

Catholic Cemeteries are stirring natural sanctuaries that house the temple of the body with the promise for everlasting life. These sacred places provide peaceful and religious environments that are conducive to prayer, reflection and remembrance. The final expression of our faith as Catholics is the blessed and sacred burial in a Catholic Cemetery. It is our opportunity to rest among fellow believers, awaiting the Resurrection to life everlasting.

Individualized Memorialization Options

We meet the needs of our community by offering traditional burial options, as well as distinctive choices for cremated remains and family estates.

Remembrance Events

We believe that we serve the living by creating beautiful and sacred places to remember your loved ones. We offer memorial Masses for those in our community who have passed to the next life. Additionally, throughout the year we hold a number of events including our All Souls Day Vigil of Light and Memorial Day celebrations to honor our loved ones.

Legacy of Faith

As a charitable organization founded in faith, CFCS provides the opportunity to help those in your community with the purchase of certain select cemetery locations that support the many programs that benefit the Legacy of Faith. A portion of the fee you pay over the interment value may be tax deductible on certain select properties.

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MISSION PROGRAMS

Helping to Support Our Community

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of Oakland is a charitable organization serving the Diocese of Oakland. As a ministry of the Catholic Church, we provide funeral and cemetery services, as well as educational outreach to parishes and caregiver organizations.

Our mission is to provide guidance and wisdom on end-of-life services. While we do charge for our services in what has become a very commercial industry, we are committed as a charity to offer innovative programs that provide financial assistance, free options and programs to meet the needs of our faith community.

> **"Our Catholic funeral tradition affirms our belief in the communion of saints and our trust in Jesus' promise of everlasting life. Burying the dead is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy, incumbent upon every Christian. The Church's rituals enable us to honor our dearly departed with solemn and tender devotion. Our Catholic Cemeteries provide us with a gathering place on holy ground where the living can prayerfully remember those who have gone before us awaiting the Resurrection to eternal life."**
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> **— Bishop Barber**

MOTHER TERESA PROGRAM

Funeral and Cemetery Assistance Program. The Mother Teresa Program serves families in need in our community.

Mother Teresa firmly believed that love begins at home and that we should reach out to those in need in our family first, then our community, our country and our world. It is in this spirit that CFCS created the Mother Teresa Program that allows the poor and destitute in our community to receive sacred and dignified funeral and cemetery services.

"Love Begins at Home"

Mother Teresa proclaimed "I want you to find the poor here, right in your own home... love begins at home." In our community there are many in need; over 20%* of Californians live below the poverty line. * US Census SPM 2009-2015

Serving Our Community

With the Mother Teresa Program, CFCS is able to give back to the community by ensuring that those in need in our community receive sacred and dignified funeral and cemetery services.

Living Our Mission

As a charitable organization, CFCS assists families in sharing this most meaningful experience with family and friends.

WHO THE PROGRAM SUPPORTS

- Families in Need
- Catholic Charities

MAIN BENEFITS

- Support our community
- In need? Apply for assistance

HOW TO HELP

- Make a donation
- Visit any CFCS location
- Visit cfcsOakland.org

GRIEF MINISTRY PROGRAM

The death of a loved one is never easy, and the grief process is different for many families. With this in mind, the CFCS Grief Ministry Program offers families a way to connect through faith based group support meetings, where families can pray, reflect, and meet people who share in similar experiences. CFCS can also direct families to additional resources sometimes necessary to help them through this difficult journey.

CFCS Grief Ministry

Faith Based

Our program is focused on individuals and families, providing a caring and compassionate atmosphere to the bereaved, while focused on the gift of faith.

Ministry & Community

As a ministry of the Church, our program offers support to parishes and the community, by providing a dedicated bereavement support team, guided by faith and cultural traditions.

Bereavement Resources

Being dedicated to education and support, we can direct families to educational or professional resources to assist families through this difficult journey.

REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

Free Interment of Cremated Remains

CFCS offers at no charge, to anyone, of any faith, who has cremated remains at home or is considering scattering, a dignified committal of the remains at any of our cemeteries or the Mausoleum at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. The committal will occur at the All Souls Remembrance Crypt and then the remains will be permanently interred within the consecrated grounds of a Catholic Cemetery.

Highlights of the Program

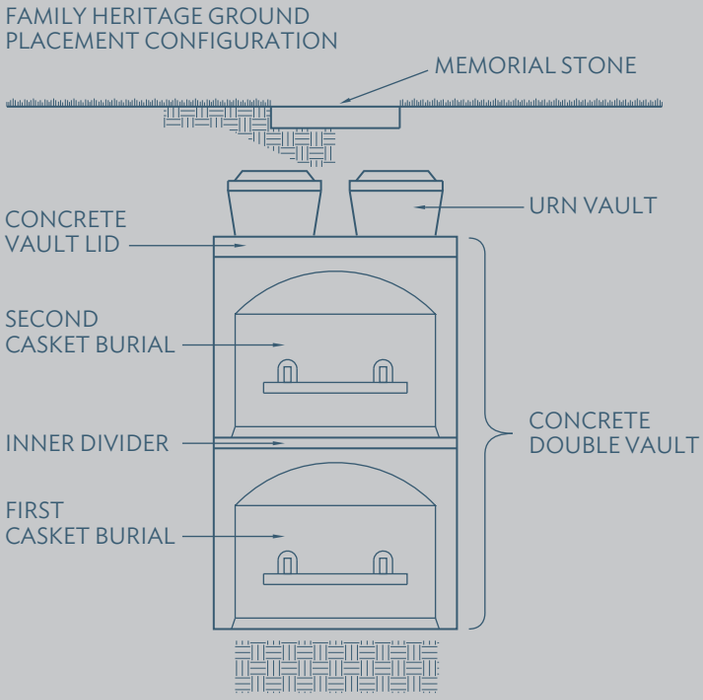
- Free placement in the Remembrance Crypt available at any of our cemeteries or the Mausoleum at the Cathedral of Christ the Light
- A committal service from the Order of Christian Funerals
- A permanent recordation of interment as well as an optional cenotaph for memorialization
- Remains always stay within consecrated grounds
- Open to all funeral homes
- Open to all faiths

FAMILY HERITAGE PROGRAM

Burial Within an Existing Site

This unique program allows for graves or crypts already owned by families to be transformed into a family estate. Depending on the grave or crypt selected, a number of cremated remains can typically be added.

The plot will serve as a family's final gathering place, allowing family members who have lived apart to be together on their final journey, as well as be a place that generations can come to remember their ancestors. With this program we maximize the use of space and minimize the cost to families.



Frequently Asked Questions:

How many cremated remains are allowed in an existing location?

Depending on the size of the existing grave or crypt, four or more cremated remains are allowed per space.

How can I be memorialized?

Space permitting multiple family members can have their names inscribed on the monument or crypt.* When the number of inscriptions exceeds what is feasible or permitted, cenotaphs are available as well as bronze plaques which will be placed near the final resting place.

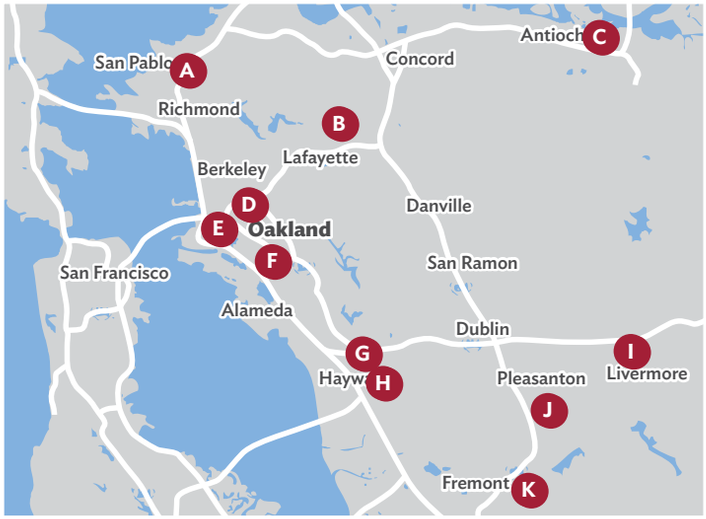
Can I use a crypt?

Yes, both crypts and graves are eligible to be used with the Family Heritage Program.

* *Certain cemetery sections and mausoleums have a prescribed number of inscriptions allowed per space.*

Convenient Locations

With eight funeral centers and nine cemeteries serving the Diocese of Oakland, Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services can accommodate you and your family's needs to help fulfill your wishes.



A ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY & FUNERAL CENTER FD1960
2540 Church Lane
San Pablo, CA 94806
(510) 234-2012

B QUEEN OF HEAVEN CEMETERY & FUNERAL CENTER FD1959
1965 Reliez Valley Road
Lafayette, CA 94549
(925) 932-0900

C HOLY CROSS CEMETERY & FUNERAL CENTER FD1958
2200 East 18th Street
Antioch, CA 94509
(925) 757-0658

D ST. MARY CEMETERY FD1955
4529 Howe Street
Oakland, CA 94611
(510) 654-0936

E CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT
2121 Harrison Street
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 496-7271

F COOPER CHAPEL FD381
1580 Fruitvale Avenue
Oakland, CA 94601
(510) 533-4114

G SORENSEN CHAPEL FD126
1140 B Street
Hayward, CA 94541
(510) 581-1234

H HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY & FUNERAL CENTER FD1456
1051 Harder Road
Hayward, CA 94542
(510) 537-6600

I ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY & FUNERAL CENTER FD1974
3885 East Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550
(925) 455-9696

J ST. AUGUSTINE CEMETERY
5750 Sunol Boulevard
Pleasanton, CA 94566
(925) 455-9696

K MISSION SAN JOSE
43300 Mission Boulevard
Fremont, CA 94539
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