

Diocese of Richmond End of Life Presentation

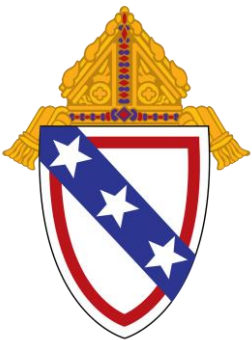
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Popular Questions from Catholics

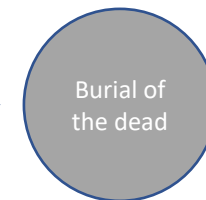
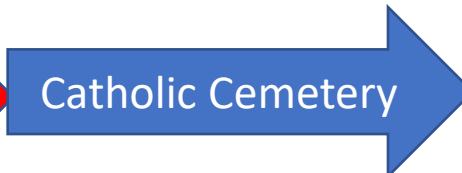
- Can I scatter my ashes?
- Why do I need the body present for Mass if I am going to be cremated?
- Where do I start the planning?
- Should I plan ahead?
- How do I make sure my wishes are met?



Faith used to guide the Culture

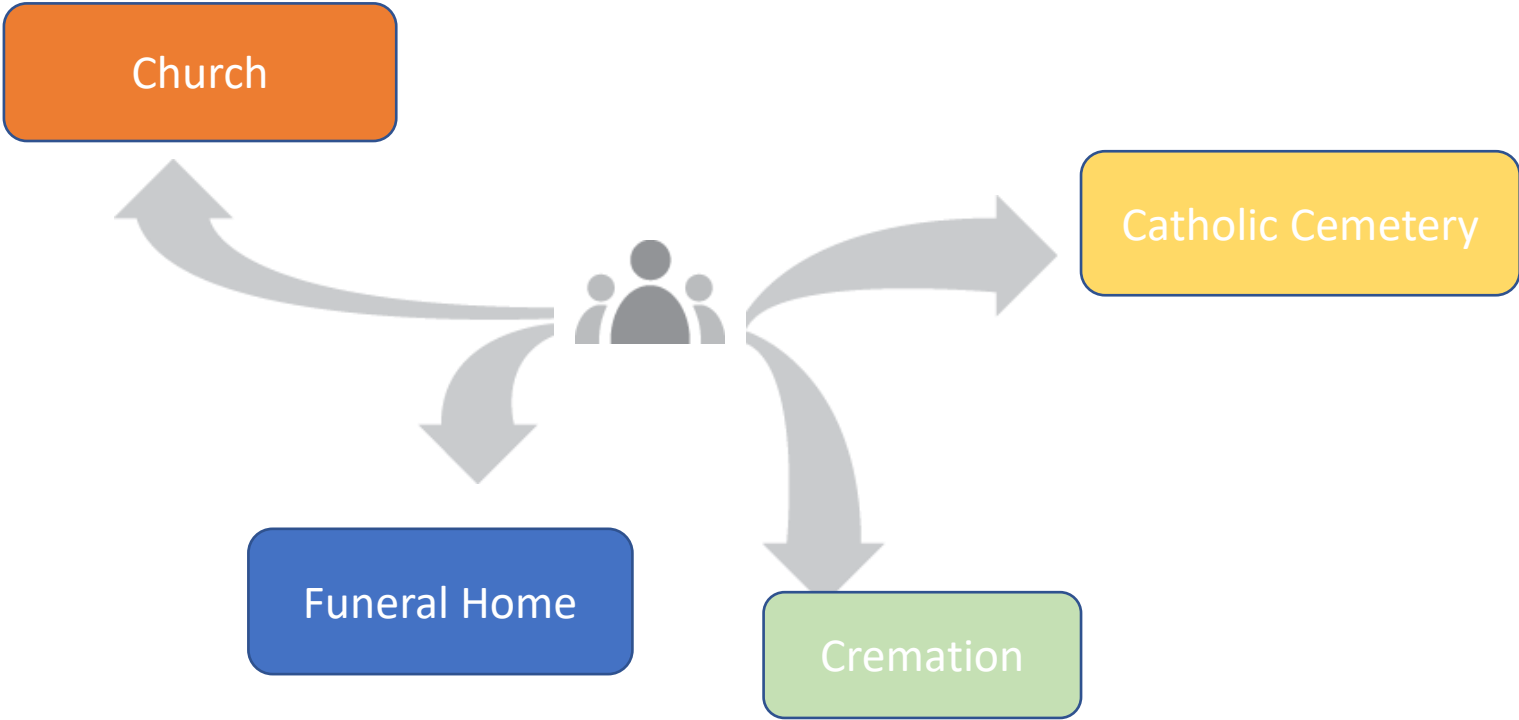
Our culture followed the faith community.

Parishioners sought guidance from the Church. Few decisions were necessary. Options were limited.



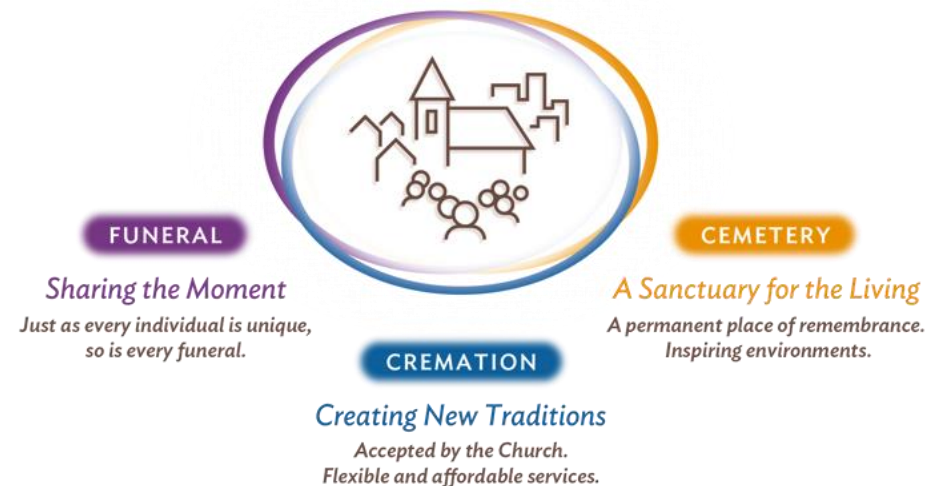
Today, Culture has provided many different options.

Individuals often limit their options as they select from a list of specialized service providers.



Office of Cemetery and Funeral Services: A Complete Discussion

- The Funeral should be a time for the family to celebrate the life of the deceased, while also beginning to mourn their loss.
- Society does not value the faith traditions the way we used to.
- The Catholic Church has a long history of guiding people through this process.





Funeral Home Needs



Arrangements at the Funeral Home

- Pick up of the body
- Full Body/Cremation
- Casket/Urn choice
- Decision on viewing Yes/No and location
- Open or closed casket (Embalming)
- Flowers
- Number of death certificates
- Transportation to church and cemetery
- Time of Mass



We suggest you plan in advance to maximize your family's comfort level and minimize your family's stress during a difficult time



Order of Christian Funerals



Preferred services for burial/inurnment

- Vigil Service
 - Readings for Vigil Service
 - Location of Vigil Service
 - Body present
 - Eulogy
- Mass
 - Readings for Mass
 - Readers for the readings
 - Songs for Mass
 - Homily by Priest/Deacon
 - Body should be present even if being cremated –Preferred Method
 - Cremated Remains can be present in certain circumstances-discuss with pastor



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Order of Christian Funerals



Preferred services for burial/inurnment

- Committal Service
 - Selection of Cemetery/Columbarium- preferably a Catholic Cemetery/Columbarium
 - Presided by Priest/Deacon
 - Can take place immediately after Mass or at later date



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Available Catholic Cemeteries throughout the Diocese

Diocesan Managed cemeteries include:

- A. St. Mary's Cemetery, *Norfolk, VA*
- B. St. Andrew's Cemetery, *Roanoke, VA*
- C. All Saints Cemetery, *Portsmouth, VA*
- D. Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, *Palmyra, VA*
- E. St. Peter the Apostle Cemetery, *Ebony, VA*

Cemeteries in Planning stage

- Virginia Beach Cemetery, *Virginia Beach, VA*
- Hampton Cemetery, *Hampton, VA*



Board Managed Cemeteries include:

- A. Mount Calvary Cemetery, *Richmond, VA*
- B. Holy Cross Cemetery, *Richmond, VA*

Parish Managed Cemeteries

64 total across the diocese can be found by location online at:

<https://richmonddiocese.org/cemeteries/>



Catholic Funeral Homes throughout the Diocese

- Bliley's Funeral Home- multiple locations in Richmond area
- Altmeyer's Funeral Home- Multiple locations in Virginia Beach and the peninsula
- H.D. Oliver Funeral Home- Multiple locations in the Norfolk/Virginia Beach area
- B.W. Foster Funeral Home- Portsmouth, VA





Catholic Cremation



Embracing New Traditions

Accepted by the Church since 1963, more individuals are considering cremation – over 50% choose cremation

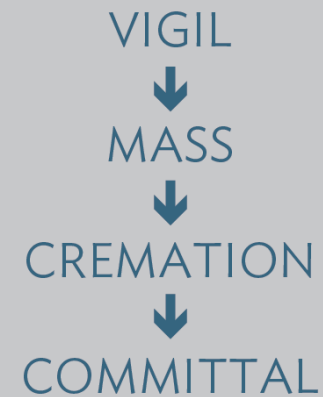
- Cremated Remains are treated with the same dignity as full body
- This means no scattering, separating or co-mingling ashes is allowed
- Sacred with respect to the teachings of the Church
- Cremated Remains cannot be kept at home and must be committed in a sacred place just as a full body.



Catholic Cremation

There are two options when choosing to have a Church Service

FUNERAL MASS *(preferred)*



MEMORIAL SERVICE



Reasons to use a Diocesan Managed Cemetery

As a charitable organization, OCFS features a unique set of programs that ensure nobody is turned away, and that all families have the opportunity to honor their loved ones in the most meaningful way.

Mother Teresa Fund:

Your support helps us Serve families in need

All Souls Remembrance Program:

Free interment of cremated remains

Family Heritage Program:

Keeping family legacies together



The Benefits of Advanced Planning

- Ensure your wishes are met
- No interest on payment plans
- Avoid costly decisions later
- Lock in options at Today's prices
- Peace of mind for you, your spouse and family



This is one of the greatest acts of love that one can bestow -- given at a time when it is very much in need.





Lets' Continue the Conversation, allow OCFS to assist you

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