



## **MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY CEMETERY**

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### Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I bury/Mix cremated ashes of my pet with me/my loved one?  
No. As per Catholic Teaching, Ashes may not be mixed out of respect of the person being buried. Also, we have a strict no pet policy at Mount St. Mary's Cemetery.
2. Can I spread ashes at the Grotto?  
No. As per Catholic Teaching, all ashes must remain together, and may not be spread in air or sea out of respect for the body.
3. Can I Inter some of the ashes, but keep some at home?  
No. Again, as per Catholic Teaching, all ashes must remain together.
4. When can I have the memorial stone engraved?  
After you receive your certificate of ownership, you may order an engraving. (You have to have paid for the plot/niche in full before engraving a memorial).
5. What material is the Columbarium made of?  
Our columbarium's are constructed of gray stone and marble.
6. Can I have a funeral service at the Cemetery?  
No. The funeral service must be at your home parish. You may have a small prayer service with your family, a priest who you contact, or a priest from the National Shrine Grotto.
7. Do you have a priest available for the interment?  
Yes, the National Shrine Grotto Chaplain is available upon request. There would be a fee or a donation request for his services. He would need the request in advance as to add the interment prayer service to his schedule.
8. How do I notify you when we want to inter someone?  
Please call the National Shrine Grotto: 301-447-5318 and ask for the Fundraising or Cemetery Manager.
9. What does the cost of the Niche include?  
The cost of the Niche includes opening, cleaning and closing of the Niche.

10. Where do I go for the engraving?

Codori Memorials in Gettysburg does all of our engravings. The font style and size should be uniform with all of the Niches. You can reach Codori Memorials at (717) 334-1413

11. Can I sell back a Niche?

Yes, you can sell back a Niche. If it is still empty and no engraving has been done, we will refund you the entire purchase price. If an Urn has already been placed in the Niche, we will reimburse the purchaser the entire purchase price less the expense to open, clean and close the Niche as well as the cost of a new stone if it has already been engraved.

12. Can we chose the Niche or is it assigned?

You may choose the Niche, but please ask if a certain one is available as not all are marked on the columbarium.

13. What type of Urn is required?

Please ask a funeral home director what a standard urn would be.