Rooted in Tradition and
Following the Catholic Rites for
Christian Funeral & Cemetery Services
TOP 5 REASONS TO PRE-PLAN YOUR FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES.

1. Peace of Mind
   Leave a gift, not a burden.

2. Plan End-Of-Life Decisions Together
   Do not leave your loved ones guessing what you want.

3. Personalization
   You decide how to be remembered.

4. Lock in Today’s Prices
   Affordable monthly payment plans available.

5. Interest Free Financing Options
   Zero % finance options available.

Contact Your Family Service Advisor or Funeral Director to start planning today!
A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP JAIME SOTO

“... The Catholic Funeral Rites for a deceased loved one are a time for family and friends to remember, and to grieve and pray for someone who is dear to us. Through the Rites we commend the beloved deceased to the merciful hands of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The Catholic Rites are comprised of three separate and vital parts.

First is the Vigil. The Vigil is when we accompany one another, as well as the deceased, believing that life has not ended, it has only changed. Together, we prepare for the final part of our loved one’s earthly pilgrimage.

Next is the Funeral Mass. The Sacrifice of the Mass provides us a taste of the kingdom to come. During the Mass, the faithful departed are presented with Christ. They are joined to his saving offering so that by having shared in His death, they may come to share in His resurrection.

Last is the Committal. With loving reverence for our deceased loved ones, we commit their bodies to a final resting place, hoping that on the Day of Judgment they will rise with all the holy ones to share in the eternal banquet of heaven.

Through these sacred and solemn Catholic Rites, the family and friends of the deceased are reminded of the companionship and support of Christ and all believers. The words and rituals of the Church are the voice and the hands of Christ guiding us to the pastures of his tender mercy.”

+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento
FOLLOWING OUR FAITH

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.

“Because of our belief not only in the immortality of the soul, but also in the resurrection of the body, the Church professes hope in the face of death, and acts with charity in the funeral rites. The Church provides a number of prayers for the faithful to offer both to accompany the dying of a loved one and to strengthen our faith upon their death. Through private prayer and public funeral rites, we strengthen our faith and hope, comfort those who mourn, and bury the bodily remains of the deceased with care befitting what was the Temple of the Holy Spirit.”

– United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Caring and Compassionate

As a Ministry, Catholic Funeral & Cemetery services of the Diocese of Sacramento (CFCS) is a vital part of the Catholic Community. We are committed to providing assistance to families in need. No family is turned away. We have experts available to answer questions and help plan and customize your funeral, cremation or cemetery wishes.

The Benefits of Advanced Planning

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

To learn more about our Ministry or to speak with a caring and qualified advisor, please visit us online at cfcsSacramento.org or call one of our locations listed on the back of this booklet.
We are owned and operated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento and follow the guidance of Bishop Jaime Soto. As a ministry of the Diocese of Sacramento, and a charitable organization, CFCS features a unique set of programs that ensures no one is turned away, and that all families have the opportunity to honor their loved ones in a meaningful way.

- You will always be in the care of Catholics.
- All of our cemeteries are consecrated ground.
- We believe in educating families about our services, the Order of Christian Funerals and all of the end-of-life options available.
- We believe in the Corporal Works of Mercy. The seven Corporal Works of Mercy give us a model for how we treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise.

The Catholic Church sees the death of a Christian as the end of the earthly pilgrimage and the beginning of a new and eternal life with God. The Rites of the Church reflect this belief. The Rites of the Church aim to assist the dead with prayers of the Church for their eternal salvation in Jesus Christ and to aid the family and friends of the deceased in their time of loss and sorrow with a message of hope and consolation in Jesus Christ.
FUNERAL: SHARING THE MOMENT

The Catholic Rites in the Order of Christian Funerals are a celebration of faith that enable loved ones to focus on the promise of everlasting life and the hope of Eternal Resurrection in Christ.

Three distinct Rites are provided. Each Rite serves an important purpose in guiding family and friends through loss, grief, and the journey of healing.

1. Vigil and Visitation
   The Vigil is the first time family, friends, and members of the community gather for prayer and support, in remembrance of a treasured life. Often times, a rosary is prayed and eulogies are delivered.

2. Funeral Liturgy
   The Funeral Mass is the principle celebration of the Christian Funeral. Family and friends join to reaffirm that the life has not ended. It is the memorial of Christ’s sacrifice and it is a reminder that we are one with Christ in Life, Death, and Resurrection.

3. Committal
   The Committal is the final farewell and good bye. It is the time of interment; the body is committed to its final resting place. Here, family and friends gather to take their final leave with the comfort and the promise of Everlasting Life in Resurrection.
CREMATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE CHURCH SINCE 1963

Over 40% of Catholics in our Diocese choose cremation today.

Why do Families choose Cremation?

- Keep expenses manageable, and allow family and friends the opportunity to gather at an important time. We recommend that you plan your funeral and cemetery arrangements in advance.
- The cost of cremation varies based on the services selected. CFCS cremation services range from very affordable basic cremation plans to inclusive full-service plans.

A Catholic Step-by-Step Guide to Cremation

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Our Catholic Cemeteries are an extension of your parish; a place for prayer, reflection, hope and remembrance. Cemeteries express our faith, reverence and respect for sacred burial on consecrated grounds.

A permanent place for remembering on consecrated ground, in a natural and inspirational environment.

“...We are the heirs of a rich tradition in the Church, which has provided beautiful and powerful rites of passage for us as we commend to God those we love at their passing. What many of us cannot put into words is expressed so remarkably in our ceremonies and rituals. Our Catholic Cemeteries provide us with the added blessing of gathering on holy ground where the living meet the dead, crossing that mysterious divide between time and eternity.”

+Jaime Soto  
Bishop of Sacramento

What is the importance of a Catholic Cemetery?

Catholic Cemeteries are natural sanctuaries that house the temple of the body with the promise of 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 a blessed and sacred burial in a Catholic Cemetery. It is our opportunity to rest among fellow believers, awaiting the Resurrection to Life Everlasting.

What does the Cemetery offer?

- **Memorialization Options:** Traditional Burial options in ground or above ground
- **Crypts:** Contain Full Body Casket or Urn with Cremains either inside a mausoleum or an outside location
- **Distinctive Choices:** Glass Front Niches, plus inside or outside columbarium for cremated remains
- **Family Options:** Family Estates above ground or Family Heritage Plans in ground
**FAMILY ESTATES AND FAMILY HERITAGE PROGRAM**

*Keeping families together*

**Family Estates** serve as a family’s final gathering place. Three generations of family members may be laid to rest in one location. With this program, we maximize the use of space and minimize the cost to families.

**Our Family Heritage Program** allows for graves or crypts already owned by families to be transformed into a family estate. Depending on the grave or crypt selected, cremated remains may be added.

**A maximum of 5 family members** may be laid to rest in one grave depending on the location. Space permitting, multiple family members can have their names inscribed on the memorial marker or crypt.*

*When the number of inscriptions exceeds what is feasible or permitted, cenotaphs are available as well as bronze plaques which may be placed near the final resting place.*
**FAQ’s**

**A death has occurred, what do I do?**
If death is imminent or has occurred, please call (916) 452-4831 for immediate assistance. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days each year.

**Does CFCS offer Funeral and Cremation Services?**
Yes, CFCS offers full mortuary, funeral and cremation services. As a non-profit founded in faith and a Ministry of the Diocese of Sacramento, CFCS is dedicated to providing excellent service with many affordable options for our families. CFCS offers both immediate and advanced planning options.

**I want to be cremated, where do I start?**
Cremation offers a variety of choices from simple gatherings to a traditional ceremony. Our experienced and dedicated staff can guide you in selecting a service to suit your family’s needs.

**What cemetery options do I have if I am Cremated?**
Our cemeteries are sacred places for the living to memorialize their loved ones. There are a variety of burial choices from personalized glass front niches and beautiful in ground burial sites. Our Family Heritage Program allows for cremated remains to be placed in an existing grave or crypt, allowing families the ability to be with loved ones already interred in our cemeteries.

Financial concerns should never stop one from choosing a place of permanent remembrance. We offer free of low cost options to those in need, including the dignified placement of cremated remains in our Crypt of the Holy Angels.

**Who can be buried at a Catholic Cemetery?**
Catholic cemeteries have a long tradition of dedicated service to the Catholic Community including non-Catholic spouses, children, parents and other relatives. Christians with a connection to the Catholic community may also be buried in our Catholic Cemeteries.
FAQ’S

Why should I pre-arrange my end-of-life services?

Pre-arranging your funeral and cemetery plans removes the financial and emotional burden often left behind. You can make your wishes known and provide your family with direction in what often is a very stressful time. Pre-arranging your End-of-Life services allows you to lock in today’s prices while choosing from many affordable options designed to fit all family budgets. We offer no interest financing and flexible payment term options.

Why should Catholics be buried in a Catholic Cemetery?

It is only natural that those who share the same faith in life will wish to carry on that sense of community in death. When it comes to death, the sensibilities and needs of Catholics are unique and call for certain practices in the handling and care of the remains of the deceased. Therefore, in the blessed grounds of a Catholic cemetery there are safeguards – mandated by the Church’s Canon Law – which guarantee permanence, reverence and respect for the remains of the deceased.

Do you offer discounts for pre-planning burial and funeral services?

Yes, we have many discount programs available for families interested in planning in advance. To learn more about qualifying for one or more of our discount programs, please speak to a Family Service Advisor at any CFCS location.

Should I buy space for the entire family?

Many families purchase adjoining plots to form a family group. Family plots are available and can accommodate larger headstones. Crypts for full-size caskets and niches for cremated remains may be purchased individually or in family groups, encompassing up to three generations.

Is there any chance my grave will be resold after a specified number of years?

No. The purchaser secures an exclusive burial rite contracted in conjunction with the Catholic Church. The Church does not sell or re-sell consecrated ground.
Ask us how to help you start the conversation with your loved ones about End-of-Life wishes.

We have tools like our **Personal Planning Guide** to help start the Conversation.

Call today and set an appointment with one of our Family Service Advisors who will walk you through the **FREE Personal Planning Guide**.
Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services (CFCS) is a full service provider of End-Of-Life care for the Catholic Community in the Diocese of Sacramento. We accompany families as they affectionately honor their loved ones in harmony with the Catholic Rites of Christian Burial. We cooperate with Parishes from Vigil to Mass and the Committal, bringing to all the consolation and mercy of Jesus.

For more information, please call and speak with a caring, qualified advisor or visit us online at:

cfcsSacramento.org

fb.com/cfcssacramento
With 11 cemeteries and four funeral centers serving the Diocese of Sacramento, Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services can accommodate you and your family’s needs and fulfill your wishes. Contact us today to learn more about Pre Need Funeral and Cemetery Planning.

CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

Funeral Centers and Cemeteries

1. St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center
   6509 Fruitridge Rd.
   Sacramento, CA
   916-452-4831

2. Calvary Cemetery & Funeral Center
   7101 Verner Ave.
   Citrus Heights, CA
   916-726-1232

3. All Souls Cemetery & Funeral Center
   550 Glen Cove Rd.
   Vallejo, CA
   707-644-5209

4. George L. Klumpp Chapel of Flowers
   2690 Riverside Blvd.
   Sacramento, CA
   916-443-7917

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5. St. Joseph Cemetery
   860 West St.
   Woodland, CA

6. St. Alphonsus Cemetery
   1801 Union Ave.
   Fairfield, CA

7. St. Patrick Cemetery
   10844 Rough & Ready Hwy.
   Grass Valley, CA

8. St. Joseph Cemetery
   1 Cemetery Dr.
   Rio Vista, CA

9. Holy Cross Cemetery
   1741 Wescott Rd.
   Colusa, CA

10. St. Vincent Cemetery
    1255 Benicia Rd.
    Vallejo, CA

11. St. Vincent De Paul Cemetery
    15237 Jackson Rd.
    Rancho Murieta, CA

12. St. Joseph Cemetery
    2615 21st St.
    Sacramento, CA

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