

Cana Memorial Columbarium Frequently Asked Questions



1) Proposal

The Church, through the Legacy Society, has completed the construction of the first phase of a Columbarium on the north wall of the Cana Chapel. In this first phase the Columbarium has one central panel of 81 niches plus two panels each of twenty memorial plaques, as shown in the photo above. The two other niche panels will be built in a second phase.

2) What is a columbarium?

A columbarium is a structure with individual compartments that offer a storage place for cremated remains of deceased people. The Columbarium at the Cathedral of the Rockies (COTR) is located in the North Wall of the Cana Chapel.

3) Why should I choose the Cana Memorial Columbarium at COTR for myself or for my family?

Historically, Christians have laid the dead to rest in churches, where they are remembered and their remains safeguarded. Burial within the church itself, or in an adjacent churchyard, was once a widespread practice. The Cana Memorial Columbarium at COTR offers a final resting place for you

and your loved ones, and a peaceful setting for family and friends to reflect and honor the memory of the deceased.

4) To whom is the opportunity to purchase the rights to bury ashes in the Columbarium being given?

The Church recognizes that God's love is given to all, and as such the right to interment in the Columbarium shall be open to any person, subject to Church Council approval, who has paid the designated fee on a first come first serve basis, so long as niches are available. Grantees shall be issued an Interment Permit memorializing the right to inurn the cremated remains of one or two persons.

5) How much does a niche cost? How much does a memorial plaque cost?

The price is \$2500 and does not include the urn and engraving costs (currently \$217 per urn) nor the cost of cremation. The fifteen niches on the Cross are more expensive. They will cost \$2,500 plus an additional donation of at least \$5,000.

A memorial plaque costs \$1000 and does not include the engraving costs, currently \$129.

6) How were these prices set?

The prices were established based on a careful and thoughtful analysis of several factors, including construction, administration and ongoing maintenance costs.

7) How is the construction of the Columbarium paid for and how are the costs of maintenance covered?

The Columbarium will be self-funding through the sales of niches, plaques and congregant donations. No funds from the COTR operating budgets will be used. Donations are encouraged.

8) Is some portion of the grant purchase price of a niche tax deductible?

Some portion of the price may be tax deductible depending on the magnitude of your donation. We recommend you ask your CPA for an amount confirmation.

9) Will there be extra costs at interment?

Cremation related expenses are a separate cost to be taken care of by you, your estate or your heirs. A Memorial service, if required, would also be an additional cost not covered by the Columbarium fee.

10) Is some portion of the purchase price counted toward my annual giving?

No.

11) What is the process to purchase a niche or a plaque?

If you have a Columbarium brochure, complete and return the "I'm Interested in Knowing More" card to the Church Office. Brochures are also available in the Chapel, in the Church Office and on the website. Once we have received the "I'm Interested" card, we will send you an acknowledgement and further information.

12) Is COTR pledging to tend the Columbarium in perpetuity?

As long as COTR exists, it will exercise its best efforts to care for the Columbarium, the ashes inurned, the urns, and the memorial markers. However, the Church cannot guarantee that it will be able to continue operations of the Columbarium forever. If and when the time should arise, for whatever reason, that the Columbarium needs to be relocated, removed, or dismantled, that

decision will be made by the Church Council. In the event of the dissolution of the Church and/or Columbarium, the Church will arrange for the transfer of urns, at church expense, to a location and setting deemed suitable. You or your heirs will have the right to request a transfer to any other location or setting, but such transfer, including compliance with all state or federal laws or regulations, will be at your expense.

13) What if I buy a niche, and then eventually decide to make arrangements for inurnment somewhere else? May I get a refund or resell my niche?

Given that the construction of the Columbarium was based on funds received no funds will be returned. Instead, you will be given a letter acknowledging receipt of a donation. Reselling the niche is not an option since this would circumvent the approval process.

14) How will the Columbarium be administered?

The project is being managed by the Columbarium Ministry of the Legacy Society. Ultimately it will be managed by staff at COTR.

15) What Records will be maintained?

Each location reserved for an inurnment, and the date and location within the Columbarium of each actual inurnment, will be recorded on a master grid chart of the Columbarium maintained in the Church Office. The Church Office also will keep a record of the personal information of each person inurned, and information on memorial and other gifts designated specifically for the Columbarium. A similar, though simpler, process will apply to the Memorial Plaques.

16) May I specify a desired niche location?

Niches are selected and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The time of receipt of payment determines that priority. The purchaser may specify by Section and Number a desired niche or niches. Upon complete payment of each niche purchased the purchaser will receive a signed certificate authorizing use of the specified niche.

A Permit holder owning a niche permit can in future, prior to interment, request a move to the Cross area by providing the additionally specified donation, currently \$5000, providing there is a location available.

17) What if a family wishes that the remains or partial remains of more than two people be placed in a single niche?

Each niche is large enough to accommodate two standard-sized urns. It is the policy of COTR not to add or mix any urns beyond this.

18) I'm single, and I've purchased a niche for a single inurnment. If my personal circumstances change, what do I need to do to make my niche accommodate an additional urn such that what was originally a single interment is now a double inurnment?

The COTR is sensitive to the fact that personal needs and circumstances of parishioners can and do change. You would merely add the name, address, relationship and other information relevant to the revised application.

19) There is a limited number of niches. How will the Cathedral accommodate those of future generations who wish to be interred here?

In the experience of other parishes with columbaria, this problem may be more theoretical than real. There are several sites that could be utilized for Columbarium placement in the COTR and at other campuses.

20) Why doesn't the Cathedral convey an estate or tenancy in real estate with a niche?

The Church remains the owner and as the owner grants the right to use the Columbarium for the inurnment of cremains in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. If the Cathedral conveyed an estate or tenancy in real estate, this would mean that title to our land would be encumbered with up to 263 or more estates or tenancies. If we ever wished to use the church as collateral for a mortgage, for example, this would involve gathering the signature of all the niche holders or their heirs on a subordination agreement or other legal document.

21) Will visitors have access to the Columbarium outside of regular COTR hours (e.g., Saturdays or evenings)?

Yes, but only with advance notice and with approval of the desired visitation from COTR personnel.

22) Will visitors be allowed to leave flowers or other forms of memorials at the Columbarium?

Only on the day of the inurnment service. After 24 hours all flowers will be removed if not already taken by the family.

23) How may I obtain more information?

If you have other questions or would like additional information please contact johnxbriggs@msn.com or tmills@boisefumc.org.

24) How much of the upfront payment goes to the Church and how much to the Columbarium construction?

At this stage all the funds go to the construction of the Columbarium. Once construction is complete proceeds from the sale of grants for niches and plaques will be directed to setting up a fund to cover future expenses.. Eventually we anticipate there will be a surplus which will go into the Legacy Endowment Fund and become part of the corpus for the ultimate benefit of the Church.

25) What is engraved on the niche granite facing stone?

The name and the birth and death dates of each person inurned will be inscribed on the facing stones. Birth and death dates will be maintained in the Church records. For uniformity, COTR has specified the style and size of these inscriptions. Homecoming Inc. is our services, products and systems provider and will handle all of these responsibilities for you and COTR. See illustrations below. Complete dates, month, day and year, will be engraved on the facing stones.

26) How will Heirs be informed should the Church or Columbarium no longer exist.

The Church agrees to make a reasonable attempt to locate the next-of-kin to inform them of their intended actions. You or your heirs are responsible for providing current notification information. NOTE this was an important point brought out by attorney Scott Learned of Learned Lawyer. Once acquired, the right to inurn ashes is an asset. Your will needs to recognize the existence of the Columbarium niche as an asset and clearly spell out whose responsibility it will be in the future. The

Church will draw up a contract with you that specifies the niche you have reserved, and this will serve as your record of an asset.

27) What is the cost of an inurnment service?

For a small inurnment service in the Cana Chapel a voluntary donation of \$75 is recommended.

Illustrations



The photo above shows an urn, on the left and a niche on the right capable of taking two urns. The engraved granite tile (6" by 6") shows the font and typical content for a niche with just one urn. Note, however, that the Cana Memorial Columbarium tiles will be engraved with full dates not just years.

For two urns the engraved tile would look similar to the photo below but with full dates.



For a niche on the Cross



For a niche other than on the Cross

We are planning to have 81 niches in each of the three sections of the Columbarium. The sections will be named Faith (on the left facing the wall), Love (in the center) and Hope (on the right). In phase 1 only the panel Love has been constructed.

Memorial Plaques will sit in the east and west edges of the Columbarium. These are 4" by 6" tiles of the same light granite used in the Columbarium. There are two columns of ten on the left (west) side of the Columbarium and two columns of ten on the right (east) side.

ENGRAVING Standards

COLUMBARIUM FACING STONE OPTIONS
(PLEASE CHOOSE APPLICABLE TITLE)

SINGLE 	COMPANION 	SHARED 
<p>Elizabeth T., "Liz" McGREAGOR Jul 21, 1934 - Oct 27, 2002</p>	<p>Nov 21, 1934 - Feb 27, 2008 Charles Frederick, Sr. JOHNSON Mary Ellen Aug 1, 1934 - Sep 27, 2007</p>	<p>Margaret R. STEPANSKI Jan 2, 1931 - Mar 27, 2006</p> <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 5px auto;"/> <p>Kathryn A. Smith FJELSTUHL Apr 21, 1928 - May 7, 2002</p>

Applies to Single, Companion and Shared Engravings

- FONT Times
- First Names 50 pt
- Family Names 55 pt (optical 40)
- Dates 30 pt (Bold) Full Date (name of month represented by 3 letters)

MEMORIAL WALL PLAQUE ORDER FORM

(PLEASE CHOOSE APPLICABLE TITLE)
(6"w x 4"h)

Single

John C., Sr. SMITH Apr 21, 1928 - May 7, 2002
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Companion

Nov 21, 1934 - Feb 27, 2008 Walter A. McGREAGOR Evelyn R. Aug 1, 1934 - Sep 27, 2007

Applies to Single Wall Plaque

FONT	Times
First Names	50 pt.
Family Names	55 pt. (optical 40)
Dates	30 pt. (Bold) Full Date (name of month represented by 3 letters)

Applies to Companion Wall Plaque

FONT	Times
First Names	50 pt.
Family Names	55 pt. (optical 40)
Dates	28 pt. (Bold) Full Date (name of month represented by 3 letters)

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