

Resurrection Catholic Church Cemetery

Rules and Guidelines

INTRODUCTION


To maintain Resurrection Catholic Church's Cemetery (the Cemetery) property into perpetuity, these rules are established for efficient ground maintenance and management. Recognizing that the cemetery is a sacred place, dedicated by the diocesan Bishop, Resurrection Cemetery grounds and other structures are the property of Resurrection Catholic Church (RCC) of the Diocese of Richmond in conjunction with the Office of Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Service which are responsible for their design, future plans, and upkeep. We emphasize that you have purchased burial rights, and that the actual property belongs to the Bishop of the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia.

ACQUIRING BURIAL RIGHTS

Purchases. Purchase of a burial site is for the right of burial and not for the land or columbarium itself. Upon full payment, the purchaser is granted perpetual right of burial, subject to: (1) these rules and guidelines for the Cemetery; (2) the discipline of the Roman Catholic Church; and (3) Virginia State Cemetery Law with respect to burials and funerals. The purchase does not confer the right to speculate for financial gain or to sell, assign or transfer the rights to others except with the approval of RCC. Burial space rights may not be subdivided and cannot be sold to others by the purchaser. However, single family purchasers may hold up to eight (8) space rights.

Locations. Plots and columbarium locations are to be selected and arranged with a designee of RCC, who will assist the purchasers by explaining the options available as to location, financing, memorialization, decorations, and other cemetery services. It is strongly recommended that the purchaser, the family or responsible person visit the location on the cemetery property to make the selection.

Payment. Cash, check, credit card or electronic funds transfer may be used to pay for burial rights. Full payment and/or a payment plan is required if a burial is to be made at the time of purchase.

Return and Refund. If the holder of an unused burial right determines to surrender that right, they may request a refund of monies paid to date. The RCC will, upon receiving the request along with the original burial contract provide a refund of the purchase price and transfer the burial right back to the cemetery. 

INTERMENT

Interment. All caskets must have molded plastic vaults. Any exception will need approval of RCC. If cremated remains are to be interred in an existing gravesite (over a family casket), there must be room to accommodate the interment.

MEMORIALS AND GRAVE MARKERS

Headstones. All markers and headstones must be acquired through a monument supplier approved by RCC. A foundation of concrete for the monument with a four (4) inch width border and ten (10) inch depth is required. It is to be placed under the base and must be flush with the existing grade.

Monument size limits

STONE	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE
Width Left to right	Three (3) ft	Five (5) ft	Six (6) ft
Height	Two (2) ft	Two (2) ft	Two (2) ft
Depth Front to back	Eight (8) in	Eight (8) in	Eight (8) in

BASE OPTIONAL	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE
Width Left to right	Three and one half (3.5) ft	Six (6) ft	Seven (7) ft two (2) in
Height	Eight (8) in	Eight (8) in	Eight (8) in
Depth Front to back	Fourteen (14) in	Fourteen (14) in	Fourteen (14) in

Temporary Nameplate. When needed, the RCC will provide temporary nameplates, made of brass, which are to be replaced by an approved permanent headstone or bronze grave marker as soon as practicable. Family members will be contacted within twelve (12) months and reminded of their obligation to make permanent headstone replacement. Please keep in mind that these temporary stakes are movable and can be lost, thus a more permanent designation is necessary.

Grave Site Markers. Grave site markers are the responsibility of the plot owners or their heirs. Maintenance of the markers is the responsibility of the owners. If original owners or heirs are no longer available, RCC has the right to make any necessary repairs or adjustments. No memorial

will be permitted on any grave or niche until the location has been paid in full unless approved by RCC.

MAINTENANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION

Flowers, Plants and Decorations. Flowers and decorations must not impede ground maintenance. All spent flowers will be removed by RCC if not removed by the owner. Cone vases, glass jars, and flowers simply stuck in the ground are not allowed. Easels and monument saddles are permitted and, as with all approved arrangements, are removed when deemed faded or unsightly. Potted plants, cut flowers, and flags are permitted for special occasions such as Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, birthdays, anniversaries, Valentine’s Day, etc. These are removed after five (5) days. Christmas arrangements are to be removed by February 1st. The planting of bushes and flowers of any kind is not permitted unless approved by Cemetery.

Marker Removal. The RCC maintains the right to remove any marker that is unapproved, dilapidated or dangerous, as deemed so by RCC.

Children. Children should be accompanied by an adult and should not play on the lawn or lots. Do not allow children to climb upon or handle headstones or monuments. Persons visiting the cemetery do so at their own risk as to damage or injury from falling on monuments or headstones.

Dogs and pets. Dogs and pets are prohibited from cemetery property unless confined to a motor vehicle or on a leash.

I, _____ (Rights Purchaser), have read, understand, and agree to adhere to all Rules and Guidelines here cited.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed by: _____ Date: _____
Resurrection Catholic Church Cemetery Designee