

## Sacred Heart Church Columbarium

The first facility of its kind in Western Canada, Sacred Heart Columbarium was built in two phases. Phase One - Holy Land Columbarium - was opened in May 2011 and the Holy See Columbarium was opened in June 2013. There is room for over five thousand (5,000) urns containing cremated remains in our century-old church.

### Background

Sacred Heart Parish has been ministering to Calgarians in the Southwest area since 1910. We have many registered members from outside of our parish boundaries who are attracted to the neo-gothic beauty of our facility, and the traditional, reverent style of our Sacramental celebrations. They come for beauty and tradition, and stay for the loving and friendly care of our community. Our members take seriously the commitment to preserve the Church for future generations, and to preserve the human soul for eternity.

Today, in response to a need among our community members, we are providing a Catholic sponsored and maintained Columbarium in Calgary.

The Columbarium provides spiritual comfort, safety and simple access in perpetuity. This tranquil structure will also bear witness to future generations of your Christian spirituality, and provide inspiration to the living. What better way to remind your descendants of the continuing life in Christ, than to be reposed within the walls of the very Church where you have also received the Sacraments of Eucharist, Healing and Reconciliation.

With the establishment of the Perpetual Care Fund, maintenance and upkeep will be assured for the future .



"For those persons who are Christian, it seems appropriate to provide a burial place for their ashes in a beautiful area in or near the church where the person attended. The church itself is the primary sacred place for Christians and to have easy access to a loved one's burial place at any time is a great comfort to family and friends of the deceased... it would also restore a venerable practice of Christian antiquity."

Calgary Bishop Frederick B. Henry



## Sacred Heart Church Columbarium Commonly Asked Questions

### 1. What is a Columbarium?

A resting place in which urns containing cremated human remains are interred in niches for a respectful and dignified memorial.

### 2. Can only Catholics or Christians be interred at Sacred Heart Columbarium?

No. Many Catholics are married to non-Catholics and we don't want to separate them after death. Everyone is welcome in our Columbarium as long as they are willing to accept our by-laws.

### 3. What sizes of niches are available?

Regular Niche- holds a single urn  
Family Niche- holds two urns maximum  
End Unit - holds 3 - 4 urns based on location

### 4. What are the rules about the kind of urns or the size of them?

We don't allow wooden urns or paper photographs because they will eventually "breakdown." Ceramic photos are available. The maximum urn height is 10-3/4 inches tall and can be purchased from your local funeral home.

### 5. What is the price range for the niches?

\$3,200 to \$14,000, depending on the location and section you purchase.

### 6. What does the price include?

The use of your niche space in perpetuity, a contribution to our future care/maintenance fund, the interment and a bronze memorial plate with the name of the interred and years of birth and death. There are no other yearly or hidden fees.

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### *Holy See & Holy Land Columbaria*

*A place of comfort  
and safety indoors*

*We are a welcoming and caring community  
dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
helping each other discover who  
God is calling us to be.*

*"I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, forever"*  
*Ps. 23:6*

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