



## Ignatius House Columbarium Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in the Ignatius House Columbarium. If you have any questions after reading this FAQ, you may send them to [columbarium@ignatiushouse.org](mailto:columbarium@ignatiushouse.org) or call us at 404.255.0503.

### **What is a Columbarium?**

A columbarium is a burial place for cremated remains. The cremated remains will be placed in an urn by your funeral home and then the inurnment can be scheduled.

### **Where do I get the urn?**

The urns will be supplied by Ignatius House. The urns will be specifically designed and sized for the Niche at Ignatius House.

### **What do I do if I already have the ashes in an urn or box and wish to have them inurned in the Niche at Ignatius House?**

We will provide you with the urn to take to a funeral home to transfer the ashes.

### **Do I need to be Catholic to purchase a Niche or do the cremated ashes need to belong to a person who was Catholic?**

No. The ashes must be human cremated remains. There are no other requirements.

### **What is the expected completion timeframe?**

Ignatius House must collect 50% of the construction costs to begin the project. All government permits have been approved, however building permits and actual construction will not begin until the 50% is collected. Once the construction begins, it is anticipated that the project will take up to 10 months to complete. You will be notified of the construction progress.

### **Does the cost of the Niche include the urn and the inscription? Can I decide what I want to have inscribed on the plaque?**

The price of the Niche includes two urns and the plaques. Unfortunately, space limitations will restrict how much can go in the inscription but we will accommodate as much as possible.

### **Once the project is complete how will inurnment be scheduled?**

We will have the process documented and provide it to all Niche purchasers when the project is closer to completion. We will have someone at Ignatius House who will work with you to schedule the inurnments.

### **Can I select the Niche location?**

We have not yet determined the process for assigning Niche locations. As with the inurnment scheduling, we will document this process and inform everyone as soon as possible. It is not yet known if we will be able to handle a separate process for allowing people to select the location but we will do all we can to accommodate any request.

### **Why would Ignatius House ever decide to change the location of the Columbarium as indicated under Disclaimers and Terms in the Columbarium Agreement? If the Columbarium is moved, will a refund be given?**

Ignatius House has no plan to ever move the Columbarium and has the proper governmental permits and permission of the Society of Jesus as well as the Archdiocese of Atlanta to create it. A portion of the funds collected will be put aside in perpetuity for any reason the Columbarium might need to be moved. This practice has been implemented by parishes and other religious organizations in the unlikely event a Columbarium would need to be moved. There is not a refund, however, there is no additional cost to the Niche purchaser or to your family. Next of Kin would be contacted if this unlikely event ever happened.

### **Can I purchase a single Niche?**

Unfortunately, we are only able to offer double Niches. Each Niche holds 2 urns and you may select any other person whether they are related to you or not to be inurned in your Niche. If you are a single purchaser, simply complete the Agreement and Next of Kin attachment for a single Purchaser.

### **Can I purchase additional Niches if I do not know the names of the people who would be inurned?**

Yes. You can purchase as many Niches as you would like. You would sign the Agreement as the purchaser and you would sign the Next of Kin document as the purchaser. In the space where the name of the person whose cremated remains will be inurned, you will simply put 'Not yet assigned.' Once the name of the person whose cremated remains will be inurned is known, the attachment will be updated with the correct information.

### **Donating Niches**

Ignatius House would like to be able to offer Niches to homeless brothers and sisters who die with no place to be buried. We will work within the Ignatian Spirituality Project at Ignatius House and our partners to help identify those in need of a dignified burial. Burying the dead is a corporal work of mercy and we invite you to participate in this ministry. If you would like to contribute to Niches for the poor, please donate your amount to Ignatius House and write "Burial for the Poor" on your check. Your donation will be held in trust until we have collected enough to purchase a Niche. Your donation to this ministry is tax deductible and you will receive a tax receipt for this gift. God bless for your generosity.

## **Donations in general**

As we wait for the 50% of construction costs to be collected prior to the initial phase of Columbarium construction, we invite you to prayerfully consider a tax-deductible donation to Ignatius House for this and other capital projects. As you will receive no goods or services for this separate donation, you will receive a tax receipt letter acknowledging your gift. As a 501 (c)(3) organization, Ignatius House relies on the generous support of its benefactors to continue this ministry of offering a sacred space to encounter God. Thank you for your generosity.