CATHOLIC CEMETERIES – CO-BURIAL IN BURIAL LOT

Co-Burial in Permanent Burial Lot, Permanent Urn Burial Lot,
Exhumable Burial Lot (Multiple Extendable Terms)

**Reference also: Application for Coffin Burial, Exhumable Burial Lot (Multiple Extendable Terms), Exhumation of Human Remains, and Clause no.8 of the Rules of the Catholic Cemeteries*

1. The first interment **must** be in the Permanent Burial Lot, Permanent Urn Burial Lot, Exhumable Burial Lot (Multiple Extendable Terms);
2. Space permissible, multiple subsequent co-burials may be permitted after the first interment;
3. The deceased to be co-buried **must** either be a Catholic or a Catechumen by the Catholic Rite with "Burial Permit in the Catholic Cemetery" issued by the related parish;
4. Relationship between the first interred and the deceased to be co-buried **must** be spouse, parents, grand-parents, great grand-parents; brother/sister or his/her spouse of the first interred, his/her spouse, or any of the persons aforementioned; descendant or his/her spouse of any of the persons aforementioned;
5. Persons arranging for a Co-burial **must** bring along / provide the following: Ashes or Exhumed Human Remains, original documents **(copies not accepted)**, and prescribed fees.

A. Official receipt of the burial lot allocated to the first interred or deceased co-buried thereafter;

B. Documental proof of relationship between the deceased to be co-buried and the first interred or any of the persons co-buried thereafter in the same burial ground, together with a diagram illustrating the family relationship between the deceased to be co-buried and the first interred. Followings are examples of documental proof:
   [a] Spouse:
   - Marriage Certificate or Certificate of Baptism with name of the lawful spouse, or
   - Certificate of Birth or Baptism, or other legal documents of the deceased's off-spring providing documental proof of relationship between him/her and the deceased, plus a declaration to be made at the Home Affairs Department, solicitor or Justice of Peace (form of Declaration on Marital Relationship to be obtained from the Cemetery Office beforehand) stating that the first interred and the deceased to be co-buried are lawful husband and wife;

   [b] Child: Certificates of Birth or Baptism, or other legal documents serving as documental proof of relationship between the two deceased;

   [c] Brother/sister: Certificates of Birth or Baptism, or other legal documents serving as documental proof of relationship between the two deceased;

   Note: Name of the deceased on the documental proof of relationship has to be the same as that on the documents issued by the Government.

C. Burial Permit in the Catholic Cemetery for the deceased to be co-buried;
D. Ashes or Exhumed Human Remains of the deceased to be co-buried;
E. Burial documents: (For Human Remains) The Certificate of Registration of Death (Form 10) or The Certificate of Order Authorizing Burial of Body (Form 11) / (For Exhumed Human Remains) Authorization to Exhume Remains / (For Ashes) Permit to Take Away Cremated Ashes;
F. HKID card and Death Certificate (if available) of the deceased to be co-buried.

6. For co-burial of Human Remains (coffin burial), if the application is approved, the recognized representative **must** arrange for the Human Remains of the first interment to be exhumed, prior to the co-burial, and reburied in the same grave. For subsequent co-burials (coffin burial), the interment prior to the application of the co-burial **must** be exhumed and reburied in the same grave or be relocated or exported.

7. The applicant shall pay for the fees for grave demolition and concrete paving at least 14 days prior to exhumation of the human remains of the deceased and notify the Cemetery Office the date of exhumation (not including the dates of notification and exhumation).

CO-BURIAL FEES

Permanent Burial Lot / Exhumable Burial Lot (Multiple Extendable Terms):

Grave Demolition	Concrete Paving	Exhumation	Exhumation of Human Remains / Ashes	Coffin Co-Burial	Exhumed Human Remains / Ashes Co-burial	*Urn (ashes) / Box (exhumed human remains)
HK$5,500	**HK$2,000**	**HK$5,000**	**HK$3,500**	**HK$13,720**	**HK$7,000**	**HK$600 / HK$1,200**

Permanent Urn burial lot:

Grave Demolition	Concrete Paving		Exhumation of Human Remains / Ashes		Exhumed Human Remains / Ashes Co-burial	*Urn (ashes) / Box (exhumed human remains)
HK$4,000	**HK$2,000**		**HK$3,500**		**HK$7,000**	**HK$600 / HK$1,200**

(*optional)

Should there be adjustment of the above fees, applicant shall pay for the fees prevailing at the time of application.

Payment can be made by Cash/Cheque/ Visa or Master Credit Card (Credit Card payment is not available at Happy Valley Catholic Cemetery)

Payment by cheque shall be payable to:

For St. Raphael's Catholic Cemetery (Cheung Sha Wan) & Sai Kung, Cheung Chau Catholic Cemeteries:
– The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church in HK (St. Raphael's Cemetery)
For Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery (Chai Wan)
– The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church in HK (Holy Cross Cemetery)
For For St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery (Happy Valley):
– The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church in HK (St. Michael's Cemetery)

After application, fees already paid for are non-refundable.

An official receipt and a work implementation sheet will be issued upon payment.
The official receipt is the only valid document of proof and must be kept in good custody for all future reference and use.