# CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
# ASHES / EXHUMED HUMAN REMAINS CO-BURIAL IN NICHE

A. 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;

B. Space permissible and in a dignified manner, multiple subsequent co-burials may be permitted after the first interment (for co-burials in Standard / Upgraded Niche / Niche (Multiple Extendable Terms), both the deceased first interred and the deceased to be co-buried must be in Ashes; for co-burials in Family Niche, both the deceased first interred and the deceased to be co-buried can be Ashes or Exhumed Human Remains);

C. 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;

D. Persons arranging for a co-burial of Ashes or Exhumed Human Remains in a Standard/Upgraded/Niche (MET) or Family Niche **must** bring along / provide the following: Ashes or Exhumed Human Remains, original documents **(copies not accepted)** and prescribed fees.

1. Official receipt of the niche allocated to the first interred or deceased co-buried thereafter;

2. 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 niche, 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:

   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;

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

   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**.

3. Ashes or Exhumed Human Remains of the deceased to be co-buried;

4. "Permit to Take Away Cremated Ashes" for Ashes or the "Authorization to Exhume Remains" for Exhumed Human Remains, both issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department;

5. Burial Permit in the Catholic Cemetery for the deceased to be co-buried;

6. HKID of the applicant and the deceased to be co-buried;

7. Death Certificate of the deceased to be co-buried (if available);

8. Photo of the deceased (physical photo in passport size or photo not larger than 4R, in high resolution if possible);

9. Inscription details for sealing slab; (Registered name, Christian name, date of birth and death), **standard inscription format provided by the cemetery office should be followed**)

10.Co-burial fee:

In Standard/Upgraded Niche/Niche (MET) is **HK$5,520** and $150 vase for the vase, if applicable.

In Family Niche is **HK$8,120** for Exhumed Human Remains / **HK$6,920** for Ashes Co-burial.

Fees include: (permanent use for Standard/Upgraded Niche / use of 20 years for Family Niche/Niche (MET), sealing slab, box (for Exhumed Human Remains only) inscription engraved in black paint and a black & white enamel photo).

Payment can be made in Cash / Cheque / Visa or Master Card (Note: St Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Happy Valley does not take credit cards.)

**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.**

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 St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery (Happy Valley):
  ***The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church in HK (St Michael's Cemetery)***

Miscellaneous Fees:

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| [a] Sealing slab with inscription pasted with golden foil: | HK$750 (2-persons) |
| [b] Coloured enamel photo: approx. 4" x 6" 2-persons | HK$600 |
| [c] Urn for ashes: | HK$600 (no inscription services provided) |
| [d] Box for exhumed human remains: | HK$1,200 |
| [e] Standard/Upgraded Niche interior lining: | HK$2,800 |

- Approximate structural dimensions of a Standard/Upgraded Urn/Ossuary Niche/Niche (MET) in Cheung Sha Wan, Chai Wan, Sai Kung Catholic Cemeteries are 300 x 300 x 600mm (depth);
- Approximate structural dimensions of Urn Niche and Ossuary Niche in Cheung Chau Catholic Cemetery are 300 x 300 x 300mm (depth) and 300 x 300 x 600mm (depth) respectively.
- Approximate structural dimensions of a Family Niche are 615 (width) x 300 (height) x 600mm (depth).

E. After application for the niche and before depository in the niche, all Ashes or Exhumed Human Remains must be temporarily kept in the Cemetery Office.

F. Alternatives for depository of Ashes or Exhumed Human Remains in the niche and the sealing of slab:

[1] The applicant may request the Cemetery Office to deposit the Ashes or Exhumed Human Remains in the niche and seal the slab in his/her absence by the appointed contractor. OR

[2] The Cemetery Office would fix a date for the depository process (within 5-8 weeks upon approval of application) with the applicant should he/she choose to attend in person. On the appointed date, the applicant should present the work implementation sheet in the Cemetery Office to reclaim the Ashes, and bring them to the niche for depository and sealing of slab by the appointed contractor.

G. Only **ONE** number of flower vase (for Standard Niches) and **ONE** number of stainless steel vase (for Upgraded / Niche (MET) or Family Niches) supplied by the Cemetery Office, both complying Government requirement, are allowed. **No other decorative fittings can be installed.**

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

**Office Hours: 09:00-16:30 Monday – Saturday (closed on Sundays and Public Holidays)**

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| 2741 5283 | St. Raphael's Catholic Cemetery (Cheung Sha Wan), Sai Kung & Cheung Chau Catholic Cemeteries |
| 2557 4213 | Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery (Chai Wan) |
| 2572 6078 | St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery (Happy Valley) |