



With the help of an architect a perfect place was found for the new columbarium at Christ the King behind the stained glass wall to the left of the altar. Prior to this, the area had been used for storage of ladders and lawn equipment. The addition of a small room to the northwest side of the church allowed access to this area from the northwest foyer. The entrance room is accented by a round stained glass window created by David Soos of Maumelle, AR.

The area for the Columbarium had been open to the elements in that it had no roof. A clear roof was added and a tile floor replaced the gravel that was there. The Columbarium also has its own heat and cooling system. This allows for it to be comfortable during internment ceremonies.

There are 210 niches in the current Columbarium. The price of the niches is based on the cost of the Columbarium and includes a sheet bronze urn and the engraving of the front of the niche. When a niche is purchased, a contract/title is provided to the owner along with a copy of the rules for proper use of the niche.

When a person is interred in the niche, the family is provided with a key that allows entrance through the northwest side door and the door to the Columbarium. Thus, visitation can be made to the Columbarium at the convenience of the family members not just when the church is open. The key does not allow entrance to the church proper.

The Columbarium provides the opportunity to reclaim the church yard burial tradition. Many of the great churches of our religion have Saints and founding Pastors buried either within the walls or under the Altars of the churches. Many historic churches are known for their adjoining cemeteries. Our Columbarium continues that tradition.

Fact: In 2006, the Columbarium at Christ the King Catholic Church was one of only two indoor Columbaria in a Catholic Church in the United States of America. This is according to Eickhof, the manufacturers and installers of our Columbarium.

The other one is at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral, the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.



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