



Burial of ashes in the province of NL

In the past, virtually all burials - whether of cremated or non cremated remains - were handled through Funeral Homes who provided all the necessary documents and permits required by the Province. Today, more and more, people who no longer have a connection to a Funeral Home and have been given custody of the ashes of their loved ones, are coming forward asking for burial. This is a good thing and we welcome those who want the prayers of the Church at the time of burial. We need to be sure that we, as a parish, comply with all the legal and regulatory requirements of the Province.

Therefore, to have loved ones ashes buried in our cemeteries, whether you are from our Parish or from outside the Province, you are **required** to have the following documents: **the original burial permit and a Statement of Death**. The parish has to be notified of the death and pending burial.

Burial of ashes in a cemetery without notification to the parish and funeral home is strictly prohibited.

Thank you

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