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Explanation of the Ossuarium.

An Ossuarium is a combination of two words ossuary and columbarium. "Ossuarium" is a word that was coined by the Eickhof company to describe the use of the interior of a Columbarium as a sacred and dignified resting place for those choosing cremation. The Ossuary space is like a large urn for many people.

Individuals utilizing the ossuary are held in a secured, specialized, heavy, plastic bag, like the secured, specialized, heavy plastic bag used by crematories to place the cremated remains in after cremation is completed. The specialized, heavy plastic bag is then, if desired, placed in a personalized, eloquent Satin Urn. With the Ossuary access removed, the Satin Urn is placed in the Ossuary opening and the Rite of Committal occurs. Upon completion, the Ossuary access is put in place and the community of faith leaves. The cemeterian then re-opens the Ossuary access and activates the mechanism to allow the Satin urn to slide into the Ossuary. The deceased name and dates are inscribed on the memorial band to provide a lasting memorial to the individual's life.

The enclosed and secured Satin Urn with the heavy secure plastic bag inside certainly is sufficient to contain the cremated remains in one place. Keeping the cremated remains intact is acceptable Catholic cemetery discipline as it seeks to preserve the individual dignity of the human person, assuring that the individual, even in death, receives his/her baptismal anointing as a unique person in both God's and human's eyes.

The goal of the Ossuarium product is to provide a sacred, dignified and handsome memorial for those individuals who have spent time on this earth to be remembered by family, friends, and descendants. This approach to inurnment creatively addresses the high-cost associated with death/interment by offering an alternative lower price point. Also, an Ossuarium, as a permanent memorialization, not only provides a lasting tribute to a loved one, but also a place to visit and gather together, an assurance that the remains are cared for, and a key to family history for future generations. Consideration and remembrance of others is what life and memorializing are all about.

For the Catholic cemeterian, the Ossuary provides a unique opportunity to market and serve the post-sale cremation customer. Those who have kept their loved one at home and need a sacred place to memorialize the individual, but are lacking the resources or will to purchase a grave or niche, now have an alternative.

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