LEGACY OF FAITH PROGRAM

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An Opportunity to Contribute

Making an Important Decision
Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services (CFCS) of the Diocese of Oakland provides a wide range of traditional burial and cremation options to meet your needs.

Providing for Others
Your donation, in addition to being an opportunity to potentially save on your taxes,* also benefits others in your community. You will be supporting the Legacy of Faith Program, which funds religious ministries in the Diocese of Oakland.

Living Our Mission
As a non-profit organization founded in faith, our mission at Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services is to serve our community by providing a dignified and sacred resting place for our family’s.

MAIN BENEFITS
- Guarantee a Sacred Resting Place
- Give Back to Your Community
- Increase Your tax Savings on select properties

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A portion of your purchase of certain select cemetery property will go to the Legacy of Faith Program. This donation, which may be tax deductible, is the amount above the appraised value of the qualifying property you purchase.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who does Legacy of Faith Program support?
The program supports the good works of the Diocese of Oakland. Monies are also set aside for the care and preservation of the Catholic Cemeteries. Additionally, the Legacy of Faith Program supports the Mother Teresa Financial Assistance Program.

How is the burial right value established?
The burial right value is computed based on the per right of interment plus the cost to develop and construct the location in the cemetery, based upon a professional appraisal provided to CFCS.

What documentation is available?
For any donation exceeding $50,000, purchasers will receive a copy of their donation agreement, a year-end tax letter, and, if needed by their tax consultant, a copy of the appraisal and tax memo.

What isn’t something deductible?
CFCS cannot determine the deductibility for an individual. Typically, if an individual files an income tax return and claims itemized deductions, he or she may be eligible for an income tax charitable deduction. However, the donor should consult a tax advisor.

What if I am on a payment plan?
CFCS will compute the amount of the donation that is applicable to the tax year in which it was paid. This amount will be sent to the donor annually. The gift portion is non-refundable.

What if I wish to return my burial location?
Please consult the current cancellation and return policy. Due to the tax consequences, donations to the Legacy of Faith Program are non-refundable. A purchaser, however, may transfer the burial location to a third party. The transfer of these burial rights will not be recognized by CFCS unless the purchaser follows the transfer policy.

Formula for calculating tax deduction:

\[ \text{Tax Deductible Amount} = \text{Location Amount} - \text{Interment Right Value} - \text{Construction Cost} \]

* The examples above are provided purely for illustrative purposes and do not constitute legal or tax advice. Prospective benefactors should consult their own tax advisors regarding the deductibility of gifts made to the Legacy of Faith Program. CFCS does not provide tax or legal advice of any kind in connection with the Legacy of Faith Program.

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“CFCS continues to give back to the community, always balancing the needs of the family today with those of the community tomorrow.”
Kindlen Robles
Director of Cemeteries