### Columbarium at the

at the Prayer Gardens of St. Dominic



# St Dominic Catholic Cemetery A brief History lesson



- Oldest known burial- 1812
- 4 parishes have been the caretakers
  - St James-Menomonee Falls
  - Cathedral of St Francis
  - St Agnes-Butler
  - St Dominic (1956)
- Currently not accepting any burials
- Cemetery Committee Recent Efforts
  - Identification
  - Clean-up

### What is a columbarium?

- In Latin, "Columba" means a dwelling place of a dove
- Above ground structure
- Holds cremated human remains
- Consists of niches
  - Niche is 12 x 12 x 12
  - 50 niches per side (5 high and 10 wide)



Approximate dimensions 6 ½ H x 11 ½ W x 3' D

#### Why consider cremation?

- Supported by the Catholic Church
  - Currently almost 50% of US Catholics are cremated
  - Estimates: 70% cremation within the next 10 years
- Eliminates the need to purchase casket, vault, memorial stone, and burial site.
- Cremation and inurnment in a columbarium is substantially less expensive than traditional in-ground burial



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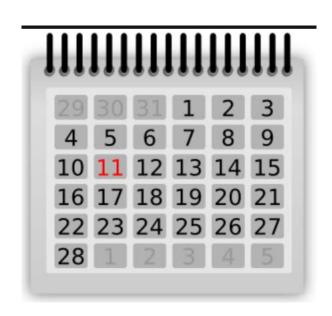
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#### Potential Timeline

- Gain Archdiocesan and City Approvals-completed
- Information Sessions-early March
- Pre-construction commit period-March, 2020
- Selection of niches-Spring 2020
- Vendor/Partner final review/selection-March 2020
- Foundations-Late spring 2020
- Set the columbaria-Summer 2020
- Add engraved face plates-Summer 2020
- First inurnments-Fall 2020





## Selection of niche(s) Spring 2020

- Choose rows: top 3 or bottom 2
- Sunset or sunrise side
- Based on date of purchase
- Selection date to be set

### Example of face plate

Single units

ROBINSON

Jones

Mary S.

Robert T.

1933-2020

1972-

Double unit

ROBINSON

Mary S.

John R.

1933-2020

1930-

