

# *Miscarriage & Infant Loss Support Resources*

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**You are loved, you are not alone in your loss, and God's mercy is infinite.**

## **BURYING THE DEAD: A VITAL CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY**

The Church understands that burying the dead is one of the corporal works of mercy (CCC 2447). The Church also affirms, “As regards children who have died without Baptism, the Church can only entrust them to the mercy of God, as she does in her funeral rites” (CCC 1261).

Miscarried and stillborn babies are children who have died before Baptism. This may also be the case with children who die soon after birth. Please know that you have a right to bury your miscarried child like any other family member. *You also have a right to a Funeral or Memorial Mass for your child, no matter how early you miscarried, and even if you do not have bodily remains.*

Please speak to your local parish and priest about your options. Not only is this a vital corporal work of mercy, but the opportunity to seek healing in our Lord is invaluable.

## **RECOVERING YOUR BABY'S REMAINS FOR BURIAL**

Ordinary items can assist families in recovering and preserving their miscarried child's remains, when a miscarriage occurs at home. To learn how to recover and preserve your child's remains for burial or cremation please read this document off the Diocese website:

### **How to Care for Your Child's Remains**

Premade miscarriage delivery aid kits can also be purchased at Heaven's Gain at <https://heavensgain.org/miscarriage-kits/Miscarriage-Kits-c22860458>

## **CASKETS & BURIAL VESSELS**

The Respect Life Apostolate now offers caskets for miscarriage losses specifically, at no cost to families. These caskets are available at Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery in Kiowa, CO. These caskets are for burial only, not for cremation.

*Caskets for miscarried children can also be purchased from the ministries Heaven's Gain and Elizabeth Ministry.*

**Trappist Caskets for Infants** are handmade wooden caskets available at no cost to families as a special act of mercy for those experiencing this devastating loss. These caskets are NOT

appropriate for miscarriages but would be appropriate for full-term infant losses. Visit <https://trappistcaskets.com/caskets/#cskchild>

## **CEMETERIES, COLUMBARIA & FUNERAL HOMES**

**\*\*The Respect Life Apostolate's first suggestion for miscarriage losses specifically is Holy Innocents Hill at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. See details below.**

### **COLORADO SPRINGS**

**Mount Saint Francis Columbarium** offers a Holy Innocents niche for the ashes of preborn children at no charge to families. The outside of the niche is engraved "Holy Innocents."

**Contact information:** (719) 955-3810 or [msfcolumbarium@stfrancis.org](mailto:msfcolumbarium@stfrancis.org)

*You will need to contact a local funeral home of your choice to first handle the cremation as Mt St Francis is not a funeral home.*

**Dignity Memorial** owns multiple funeral homes and cemeteries within the Diocese of Colorado Springs. While this is not a Catholic organization, Dignity's **Memorial Gardens Funeral, Cremation & Cemetery** offers a Catholic section within it. They will also accept, prepare and bury remains of preborn to 1-year-old babies at a reduced charge. These children are buried in the Garden of Angels portion of the cemetery with a temporary grave marker. Families may purchase a permanent headstone if they desire.

### **OUTSIDE OF COLORADO SPRINGS**

**\*\*Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery** is located at 34201 Country Road 33, Kiowa, CO 80117, on the Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church's 60-acres. They offer a special section called **Holy Innocents Hill**, for the respectful burial of fetal remains due to pregnancy loss. Holy Innocents Hill has unmarked, individual graves available at no cost to families. Families also have the option of purchasing a plot in the main cemetery if that is their desire.

**Contact information:** (303) 646-4964. <https://www.olvonline.org/funeral-burial-options/queen-of-heaven-cemetery>

**Calvary Catholic Cemetery** is owned and operated by the St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Stratton, CO. They offer an unmarked section of the cemetery with unmarked graves for the burial of preborn children, at no cost to families. **Contact information:** (719) 348-5336

**Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS) of Northern Colorado** includes **Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery, St. Simeon Catholic Cemetery** and **Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary**.

**Mt. Olivet Cemetery** is located at 12801 W. 44th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033 and offers the **Precious Lives Burial ministry**. All families, no matter their faith are welcome to place their miscarried and stillborn children into care with this ministry. They will bury infant

losses, at no cost to families. They also offer monthly memorial Masses. **Contact information:**  
(303) 502-9666, <https://cfcscolorado.org/immediate-need/precious-lives-burial/> +

### **OTHER REGIONAL RESOURCES & MINISTRIES**

**Semi-regular Memorial Masses** are available through the **Precious Lives Burial** ministry at Mt Olivet Catholic Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

#### **If You Have Received A Prenatal Diagnosis**

Verity's Village: <https://veritysvillage.com/>

Be Not Afraid: <https://benotafraid.net/about/>

#### **Catholic Infertility Support**

In Colorado Springs, CO, Contact: [cos.infertility@gmail.com](mailto:cos.infertility@gmail.com)

St Paul VI Institute: <https://popepaulvi.com/evaluation-and-treatment-programs/>

Springs in the Desert: <https://springsinthedesert.org/>

### **HEALING, COUNSELING & SUPPORT**

**Stephen Ministry** – contact Melissa Smith at St Peter Catholic Church to be connected with a trained Stephen Minister in the area. SMs are highly trained lay-counselors who are equipped to walk with people through all kinds of life struggles, bringing a Christian lens to the situation. Stephen Ministry is free.

**Phone: 719-481-3511**

**The Pastoral Solutions Institute: Catholic Counselors and tele-counseling -**  
<https://catholiccounselors.com/tele-counseling-services/>

**Accendo Counseling – Angelle Schott, a local professional Catholic counselor**  
[www.accendocounseling.com](http://www.accendocounseling.com)

**Imago Dei Counseling – Dan Spadaro, another local professional Catholic counselor**  
<https://www.imagodeicounseling.com/>

### **FROM THE CHURCH**

USCCB: Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage

USCCB: Loving Parents After Miscarriage

ITC: The Hope of Salvation for Infants Who Die Without Being Baptised