

Memorial Plaque Information



Holy Spouses Memorial of the Unborn

Healing Ministry of the Unforgettables

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Copatrons of the Unborn

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Name & Honor Your Unborn Baby

The Patrons of the Unborn

Our Diocesan Shrine is named for Our Lady of Guadalupe, Copatrons of the Unborn. The image of Our Lady, miraculously imprinted on the tilma of St. Juan Diego in 1531, brought hope and new life to a despairing people. Wearing the maternity band seen beneath her hands, she is the pregnant mother about to give birth. She is the woman of Apocalypse 12. As St. John Paul II wrote in The Gospel of Life, her Child under attack by the dragon “especially represents every helpless baby whose life is threatened... Mary is a living word of comfort for the Church in her struggle against death”.

God chose Joseph as husband of Mary to protect Jesus in the womb, and after birth when he had to flee with them into Egypt. In Poland, the same pope spoke of St. Joseph as the defender of life, “especially the life of children not yet born”. Together the Holy Spouses, Mary and Joseph, are Copatrons of the Unborn.

Our Mission

The Memorial Garden is centered around a statue of the Holy Spouses, Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Joseph. Together the Patrons of the Unborn offer compassionate comfort to the afflicted.

Too often mothers grieve alone, and families suffer in silence at the loss of a preborn child. Even when small deceased babies are not named or memorialized, they remain unforgettable.

The Memorial of the Unborn is a place of consolation both for post-miscarriage and post-abortion healing, as well as a witness to the sacredness of all human life and the hope for reuniting with each tiny family member in Eternity.

As we begin to restore the culture of life, the Memorial Garden is a place where mothers, fathers, and other family members can come together to name their child and to permanently honor him or her with a memorial plaque.

Healing after Miscarriage

Approximately one in four pregnancies end in miscarriage. Such a loss can deeply affect the mother and family of the child. It can cause emotional and spiritual anguish and can strain relationships. Whether a miscarriage occurred recently or decades ago, healing is aided by support from the faith community, by realizing that every tiny human is a unique and immortal image of God, by naming your child, by honoring him or her at a liturgy, and by placing a permanent engraved plaque at the Memorial.



Healing after Abortion

The pain of pregnancy loss due to procured abortion can be complicated by denial, secrecy, shame, and repressed guilt, sometimes surfacing after many years. The Lord Jesus always offers hope and mercy to those who suffer these deep pains. Healing ministries such as Project Rachel (www.hopeafterabortion.com) and Rachel's Vineyard (www.rachelsvineyard.org) can be powerful paths to peace of soul. The Memorial is a place where compassion and love are offered to those who seek healing after a repented abortion. Naming and memorializing your baby with a permanent engraved plaque can be a most important step in the healing process.

Naming Your Child

Many have lost preborn babies recently or many years ago. Some have given those babies a name and many have not. A great honor for a mother and family is to name their child. Every human being deserves to be given a name. Naming establishes a familial bond with one's immortal offspring. It recognizes that no matter how painful the loss is, life and relationship are never ended. For losses in the early weeks of gestation, parents may first reply that they do not know whether their child is a boy or a girl. In such circumstances, a name applicable to either could be chosen. Many times, however, a mother has a sense of whether her child is a son or daughter, and a name could well be chosen based on her maternal instinct.



Memorializing Your Child



Every deceased human being deserves to be permanently remembered here on earth. For Christians, a tangible memorial in a reverent space expresses our belief in the immortal soul and our hope for being reunited in Eternal Life. Having an engraved plaque for your baby mounted in the Memorial of the Unborn is a spiritually and emotionally healing celebration of your child's life. Each personalized plaque is a testimony to the unique existence and dignity of the person

remembered. The Memorial will be visited regularly by so many who will pray for all those memorialized and periodic liturgical services will be offered for them.



Daniel De La Cruz Santos September 1982

2.2" x 6" Plaque Sample

- Made of beautiful, polished, imperial red granite, engraved in your choice of gold or white lettering.
- Engraving up to 3 lines of 17 characters per line, usually contains simply the name and year or month or specific date of loss
- We provide a commitment to permanent maintenance and record-keeping of your child's information. A Perpetual Care fund is kept exclusively for this purpose and is subsidized by a 17% surcharge on the cost of a plaque.
- Pricing for the plaques is scaled according to the location chosen at the Memorial (see the following two pages for pricing based on the identifying number of the wall chosen, and the height in the Top, Bottom, or Middle section of the wall). Profits from the plaques also help us serve those with recent miscarriages who have difficulty financing entombment in a crypt at the Memorial for the remains of their baby.
- For those who live far away and may never have the opportunity to visit the Memorial, we can e-mail a photo of their mounted plaque.



2020 MEMORIAL PLAQUE CHARGES

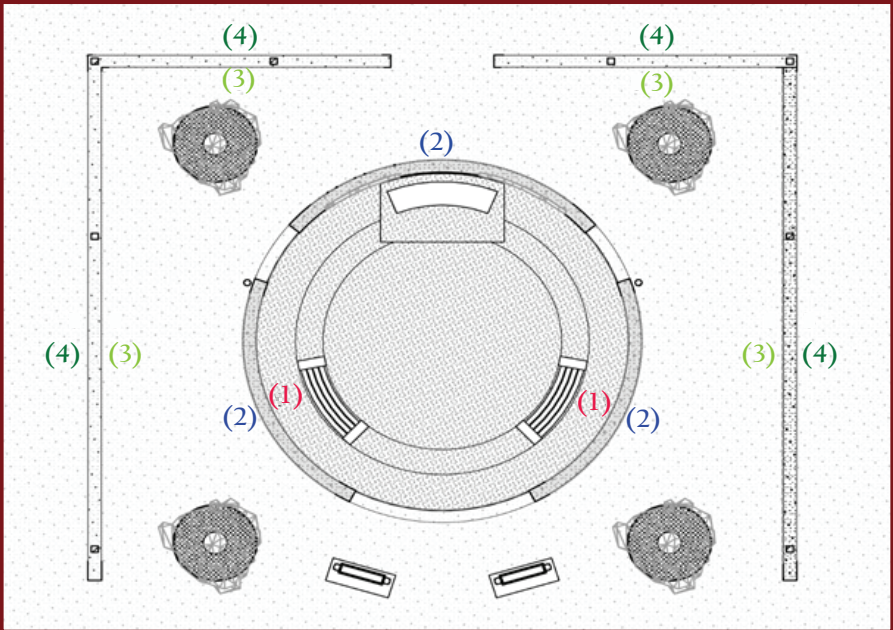
Locate your pricing by matching the color-coded location numbers and the Bottom, Middle, or Top section heights, according to the diagrams on the facing page.

WALL	B	M	T
(1) Inner Circle	\$325	NA	\$350
(2) Outer Circle	\$280	NA	\$300
(3) Inner Wall	\$105	\$190	\$215
(4) Outer Wall	\$85	\$150	\$170

Additional Information and Fees

Plaque Size 2.2" x 6" x .37"		
Ceremonial Memorial (Optional)	Day of the week will vary	\$75+
Perpetual Care Fee	~17% of cost of engraved plaque	\$15-\$60

FLOOR PLAN NUMBERED LOCATIONS



STRAIGHT PLAQUE WALL

Top	— 3'9" - 5'7"
Middle	— 2'2" - 3'9"
Bottom	— 7" - 2'2"

6'2"

CURVED PLAQUE WALL

Top	— 2' - 3'4"
Bottom	— 7" - 2'

4'1"



*Before I formed you in the womb,
I knew you. (Jeremiah 1:5)*



*I will not forget you. I have carved
you in the palm of my hands.
(Isaiah 49:15)*