



The dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit, is depicted in the stained glass of the IPC Chapel's sacristy door.

*Photos by Paul Romjue*

# IPC Columbarium Expansion

*The word "columbarium" is derived from the Latin "columba," (dove) or dovecote, a nesting place for doves. The dove represents the Holy Spirit, and is a symbol of God's love and peace. Also, the dove is often associated with the Resurrection. The tradition of the columbarium as a repository for the ashes of cremation has been used for centuries.*

The church is the focal point of our lives: baptism, confirmation, marriage, worship, and death. Having a burial ground near the church is an ancient custom. IPC added a Columbarium in the cloister when the church was rebuilt from the fire in 1992. Many church members have chosen this special and meaningful option, and additional space was needed.

In the summer of 2008, work began on the expansion to IPC's Columbarium. Located between the side chapel wall and the sidewalk, this Columbarium expansion is a peaceful setting with landscaping, benches and a fountain.

In the Columbarium, ashes are placed in niches or compartments within the Columbarium and marked with a memorial plaque. These 168 new niches (162 niches for two people each and 6 niches for one person each) enlarge the present Columbarium, and the setting provides a lovely addition to the front of our church. There are also some one-person niches still available in the Cloister Columbarium.

The Columbarium at IPC provides for church members and ministers of the church, as well as their immediate families who choose cremation, a place near the center of the church grounds for the permanent safekeeping of the ashes of cremation. **The Columbarium serves as a reminder to all church members of the Christian belief in the community of saints, both the living and the dead.**



To reserve a niche or for more information, contact **Marsha Harbin (933-3715)**.

