

The reason we have these services is to show that every human being deserves a dignified burial as each individual is created in the image of God, and that fact does not cease with death. Some of the deceased may never have experienced respect or loving kindness. Many of them may have passed on lonely with no human contact or care.



As Mother Teresa once said, **"one of the greatest diseases [in our time] is to be nobody to anybody."**

Sadly, this seems to apply to many whose remains find a final resting place in the compassion crypts, which would otherwise remain left unattended and without the care they deserve from family or friends.

NOBA is only funded through the generous donations of individuals and Father Gabriel's personal sacrifice that makes this project possible

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Catholic Cemetery of the Diocese of Palm Beach

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*"Most of these individuals had a deep longing for connection in a world of disconnection. No one enters the world alone but, we often leave alone,"* Father Ghanoum said. *"I love you, I love you, through this ministry, we entrust them to the loving mercy of God."*



**No One  
Buried  
Alone**

An ecumenical ministry open to deceased individuals who were without known relatives regardless of their faith or background

**NOBA (No One Buried Alone)** Project came into being in 2011 as a beacon of compassion and dignity for those who departed this world without anyone to lay them to rest.



The service gives cremated remains a dignified final resting place on earth that otherwise would end up in an unidentified location.

The ministry was founded by Father Gabriel Ghanoum, director of Spiritual Care at JFK Medical Center in Atlantis, Adriana Gorrondona of the Palm Beach County Department of Human Services, Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery and the Diocese of Palm Beach.

It all began with the passing of a 100 year old patient at JFK Medical Center in Atlantis, where Father Gabriel Ghanoum has been the director of Spiritual Care since 2010. Deeply moved and distressed by the notion that a person could leave this world without the comfort of family, a friends or a loved one. Father Gabriel set out to ensure that no one would depart in solitude. Father Gabriel's outreach to Adriana Gorrondona at the Palm Beach County Department of Human Services, and to Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery in Royal Palm Beach, resulted in their collective creation of the NOBA initiative.



*"If the only prayer you say in your entire life is 'Thank you,' that would suffice."*

Meister Eckhart

The NOBA Ministry has offered sanctuary to cremated remains that would otherwise have ended up in unidentified locations. These services serve as a poignant reminder that many of the departed may have never experienced respect or loving kindness in their lives. They may have passed on, lonely and without human contact or care.

Since NOBA was founded, nearly 1,000 individuals have been given a dignified burial, including more than 30 infants whose remains have been laid to rest in the Baby Section, established in 2013.

The remains entrusted to the Our Lady Queen of Peace Compassion Crypts include those of miscarried and stillborn babies, children, and adults of all ages, genders, races, and religious affiliations. Each NOBA service is a testament to the belief that every human being deserves a dignified burial, as each person is created in the image of God, a fact that does not cease with