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This article examines the Catholic Church’s argument in favor of burial and in opposition to cremation as an alternative for burial. The author, an adjunct faculty member at Mundelein Seminary and former chair of the Chicago Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, claims that the Church’s belief in the resurrection of the body necessitates the preparation and burial of an intact body that awaits resurrection. This essay refutes my claims that burial is not the optimal method for the disposal of a body and that the physical body need not be maintained after the person has died. While I do not agree with the viewpoint of the author, his argument is probably one of the most important and commonly espoused oppositions to my stance on the topic and is therefore crucial to my paper.