



The area of the Cornus basilicas

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■ Capuchin tomb

There are several tomb types in the cemetery areas of Columbaris (figs. 1-2). Some going continuously from the IV to the VII century A.D., period during which the cemetery was used. Of the 157 tombs investigated, there are 9 capuchin tombs and they are present during the whole time of use of the area.

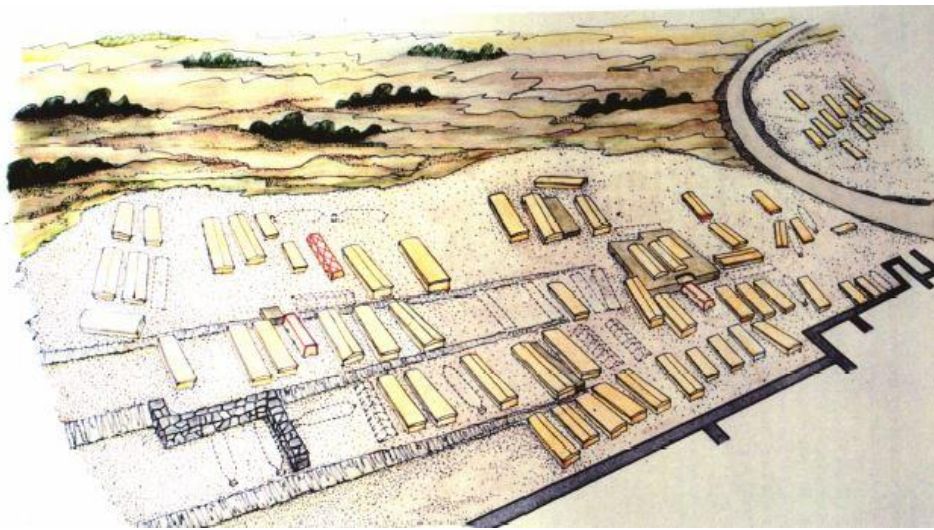


Fig. 1 - Reconstruction of the funeral area (from *Cornus* I.1, p. 203, Tab. IV).

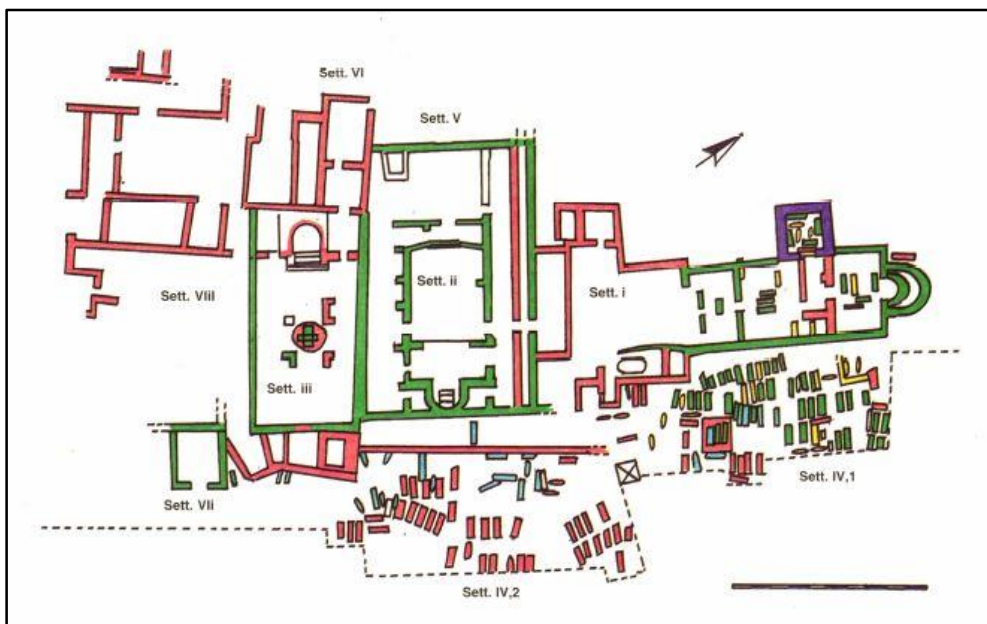


Fig. 2 - Map of the Columbaris-Cornus complex with indication of stages and sectors (drawing by L. SALADINO, M. C. SOMMA, from *Cornus* I.1, p. 200, tab. II).

The **capuchin tombs** (fig. 3) are characterised by the deposition inside a ditch dug in the bedrock, with a tiled roof forming the long and short sides, filled with stones or fragments of amphorae. The deceased could rest on either the bare earth, with a simple stone cushion under his/her head, or on a brick base.

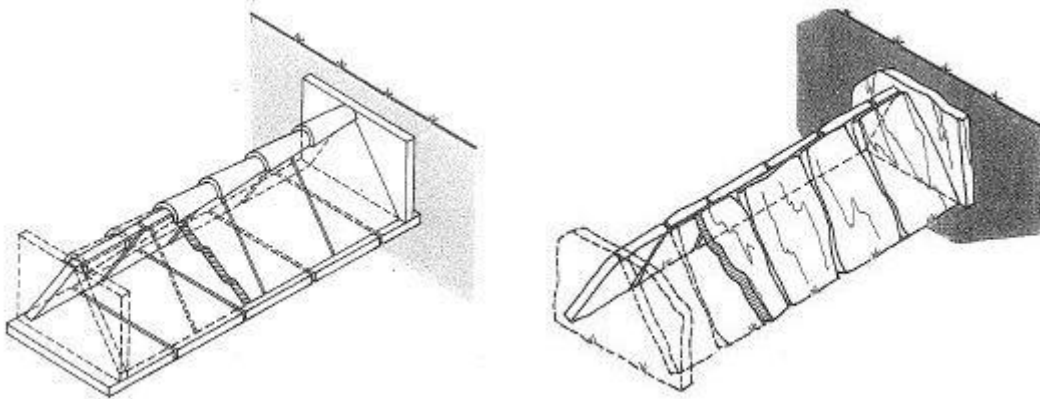


Fig. 3 - Drawing of two capuchin tombs (from *Cornus* I.1, p. 215, fig. 84).

In the Christian necropolis of Columbaris, along with capuchin tombs you also mainly have tombs dug into the rock directly, *enchytrismos*, at times surmounted by brick mounds flanked by small tables for the *refrigerium*. Sarcophagi also appeared during the area's maximum expansion period. Between the end of the VI and the VII century A.D., especially in sector IV,2, you have burials in clay caskets or using stone pieces; some trapezoidal in shape, thus called anthropomorphic.



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