

## QUINCEANERA GUIDELINES

**Scheduling:** All celebrations will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 2pm each month. If a family prefers another date or time it MUST be individually approved by Father at least 3 months in advance. You MUST be on time for the rehearsal and the celebration; if you are late, the pastor will cancel the event.

### **Pre-Requisites:**

-The teen must be a baptized Catholic, have received her First Communion, Penance and Confirmation, or be preparing for the reception of the Sacraments. Must provide Baptismal Certificate with proof of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

-The teen should be registered in the parish religious education program since the year prior to her 15 Celebration.

-The family of the quinceañera must be registered as parishioners of the Church where the quinceañera will take place and be attending weekend Mass. If parents are not registered and live in the boundaries of the Parish, they must register.

-Must have Certificate of completion from the quinceanera preparation class.

**Appropriate Attire:** For all participants: NO strapless or spaghetti straps dresses – must have shoulders covered; NO short dresses – must be at least knee length; NO skin tight dresses; NO jeans and/or sneakers. NO tee shirts, long sleeve button down shirts only.

**Rehearsal:** Will take place at 6pm on the Friday before the celebration. ALL participants MUST be present at the rehearsal. Occasionally another day/time may be individually approved by Father.

**Decorating:** The Church may be decorated by the family with flowers, ribbons and/or bows two hours before the celebration.

**Photography:** There is to be only ONE (1) designated photographer and only ONE (1) designated videographer to record the celebration. All additional posed pictures may be taken immediately after the celebration.

**Items you may provide:** Baptismal candle; crown, earrings, necklace, ring, cushions, watch, bible, rosary and crucifix, flowers for the Blessed Virgin Mary. The quinceanera may carry a bouquet.

**Damas & Chambelanes:** There will be not more than 7 couples.

**FEES:** The following fees are to be paid two weeks prior to rehearsal.

Celebration: For a simple blessing \$20.00  
Ceremony with a Mass (or communion service) \$100.00  
Priest or Deacon \$50.00  
Music: \$50.00  
Lector: \$25.00  
Altar Servers: \$10./each  
Coordinator: \$20.00

### **THINGS NOT PERMITTED:**

- No flash photography during the Consecration of the Eucharist.
- No taking of pictures by anyone other than the designated photographer during the ceremony.
- No mariachi bands in the Church
- No throwing of rice, birdseed, flower petals, etc. in the Church or on the Church property.
- NO GLITTER

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby state that I have read the above guidelines and agree to abide by them as stated.

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Signature of Quinceanera