



## GUIDELINES FOR QUINCEANERA CELEBRATIONS

- Date for Quinceañera should be scheduled 6 months in advance.
- Quinceañera celebrations are open to registered parishioners only.
- A non-refundable deposit of \$100 must be paid at the time the Quinceañera is booked.
- Quinceañera candidate must have been baptized in the Catholic Church and have celebrated her First Holy Communion. Copies of the certificates must be submitted at the time celebration is booked.
- Quinceañera candidate must be enrolled in the HNM's Confirmation program.

### BOOKING A DATE

1. Quinceañera celebrations are held on the third Saturday of every month at 12:00noon
2. Quinceañera celebrations are Communion Services presided by a Deacon.
3. Quinceañera celebrations are communal and celebrated for one or as many as three candidates on the same date and time.
4. Families must arrive at the church 30 minutes prior to the celebration. All Quinceañeras will begin at the designated time.
5. Church fee for a Quinceañera Communion Service (deacon only) is as follows:
  - \$400 for one young lady
  - \$300 for each (two) young ladies
  - \$200 for each (three) young ladies
6. The fee is for the use of the church only. It must be paid in full at least one month prior to the Quinceañera.
7. The fee will NOT be refunded if your Quinceañera is cancelled. Instead it will be converted to a tax-deductible contribution for the church.

### APPROPRIATE ATTIRE

1. The Quinceañera candidate's dress may NOT be white.
2. The Quinceañera candidate's attire and entire party including court, mother, godmother should be appropriate for Mass. No thin straps, strapless or bare shoulders are permitted.

### FLOWERS, MUSIC AND PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Each candidate may bring one white floral arrangement for her Quinceañera to be placed in front of the Ambo.
2. Each candidate is responsible for her own bouquet for the Virgin Mary.
3. **Music is not included in the Church fee.** The basic music fee \$250. It is your responsibility to schedule a musician. If there are more than one candidate the fee will be divided amongst them.
4. Each candidate may have only one photographer and videographer and no flash or lights may be used during Mass. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** The deacon will assign areas in the church where photographs/videos may be taken. We allow 30 minutes after the Quinceañera for photographs.

### OTHER

1. In case where there is more than one Quinceañera on the same date, seating will be selected by each candidate in the order in which the Quinceañera was booked.
2. It is normal for the deacon to receive a stipend for a Quinceañera. The customary stipend for a deacon is \$75.00. This is something you would give to them the day of the Quinceañera.
3. The church is a busy place and there are many events scheduled throughout the week. Please be on time for your Quinceañera.

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that the celebration will be adjusted at the discretion of the deacon if the Quinceañera party is late.