

QUINCEAÑERA Guidelines

- All Diocesan guidelines and preparation requirements must be completed.
- The girl must be Baptized, have received her First Communion, first penance and be in religious education **two years before** the Quinceañera.
- She must attend the monthly sessions for 1 year of Sister Yolanda's Young Ladies Vocational Group.
- The parents will be required to attend 1 training session prior to the ceremony.
- Parents must be currently registered in the parish, and contributing to the support of the parish for a minimum of 12 months. Their contributions must be in the form of assigned envelope number or through some electronic transfer method, such as Faith Direct or automatic bank drafts.
- The girl and her parents must be attending Mass regularly.
- Starting January 2016, there will be no Quinceañeras scheduled individually. They will take place during a Group Quinceañera.
- Starting January 2016, Group Quinceañeras will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM. There will be a maximum of 5 individuals at any one ceremony. Families must register for one of the days that the ceremony will be held.
- Starting January 2016, for Group Quinceañeras there is a \$350.00 fee per girl for the use of the Church and will be payable **two weeks before** the celebration.
- There **WILL NOT TO BE A MASS OR A COMMUNION SERVICE** for Group Quinceañeras.
- At the Group Quinceañera only the girl and her parents are in the procession.
- The members of the "court" may be present, but they have no part in the ceremony. They need to be advised beforehand about proper behavior and dress in Church. No military dress is allowed.
- The Group Quinceañera will follow the Order for the Blessing of Sons and Daughters, Section V from the Book of Blessings. See attachment (A) for the outline. See attachment (B) for suggested list of readings.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- The church will provide the music.
- You may have a video camera and a photographer.
- There will not be any flowers or decorations allowed.

DAY OF CELEBRATION

- Celebration will begin at scheduled time, whether the girl or her family is there. Please be punctual.
- You have 15 minutes after the celebration to take photos. Remember, you are in the Church, so please be quiet and reverent.