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Quinceañera

The celebration of the Quinceañera is an important traditional celebration for a young woman who turns fifteen years of age in Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean, as well as in parts of the United States. It is a celebration of gratitude to God for the gift of life and constitutes a special blessing given at Mass or accompanied by the gift of significant religious items. It offers an opportunity for the young woman to receive in a special way from the church the spiritual strength and moral orientation she will need to make adult decisions.

The quinceañera, in the presence of her family and friends, and often accompanied by "companions of faith," professes her desire to live the rest of her life according to the teachings of Christ and the church. A special blessing by the priest or deacon is given at the conclusion of the service and then she is presented to the community. Though it is not a sacrament, the celebration is a teaching moment in the life of the family and the young woman and honors the deep cultural tradition that continues to encourage adherence to the Catholic faith.

Requirements

1. To register for a Quinceañera you must meet all the requirements listed below, you may contact the office staff or email Laura Quiroz at quince@stisidore-yubacity.org with any questions you may have.
2. You must come to the office to make the reservation presenting the following documents:
 - Certificate of baptism
 - Certificate of communion
 - Confirmation certificate / or the young lady must be enrolled in 2nd year confirmation classes.
 - The Quinceañera must be a parishioner of Saint Isidore / If you are not a parishioner, certificate of the parish Quinceañera attends.
 - Quinceañera date must be booked with six months anticipation.
 - Be certain of the quinceañera date, limited space for events create circumstances where rescheduling may not be possible.

Donation

- The donation for the Mass is \$ 350.00
- A deposit of \$ 100.00 is required to reserve the date.
- Balance must be paid at the least 1 week in advance of the Quinceañera Mass, no later.
- Form of payment will be in cash, personal checks, or credit card.
- If there is a cancellation, the money will not be refunded.
- Exemptions:
 - The fee can be reduced if the family only wants to celebrate the Mass and can't afford to have a party or reception. No other exemptions will apply.

Scheduled Mass Day and Times

Saturdays at 12:00 or 2:00 in the afternoon

Considerations

- There will be four classes and one practice all which are mandatory.
- In the celebration of the Quinceañera, it is important to avoid any aspect that the celebration is a Sacrament, especially a wedding, for example, a veil may not be used by the Quinceañera, and her dress, although it may be white, should not be or look like a wedding dress.
- The readings used in the Quinceañera Mass will be from the Mass of the day or from Masses for various needs and occasions "In thanksgiving."
- The Mass celebration is appropriately celebrated in the church with a priest and at times a deacon.
- During the mass, the procession at the beginning includes only those individuals participating in the mass this may include:
 - companions of faith
 - sponsors / godmothers bringing religious gifts that will be presented to the young quinceañera
 - Lectors
 - The quinceañera, accompanied by her parents.
- The quinceañera as well as the family, peers and godparents must be seated in the congregation, in the first two reserved pews.
- The companions of faith are fourteen young women and/or young men, or less, who accompany the Quinceañera as companions and as support to live their commitment of faith.
- The religious articles presented to the Quinceañera will be blessed during the service of the mass.
- Photographer(s) and/or Videographers may only take pictures or record in designated areas. Photography/video of family members and guests, may not be taken during the ceremony.
- The choir or singer costs are not included in the mass. The choir/singer should sing and play music live. Prerecordings are not permitted.

Flowers

The Church can be decorated with natural flowers to adorn the altar. Nails or tapes will not be allowed to use in the pews. An evolution around the arch can be used on the pew.

❖ The Church is not responsible for any floral arrangement or material forgotten in the Church.

Consequences or Reasons for Cancellations

- The Quinceañera and her parents arrive late to the Quinceañera, Mass will be shortened, parts of the Mass eliminated or cancelled.
- Donation is not made in full.
- The Quinceañera fails one of the preparation classes or rehearsal.
- The Quinceañera is not dressed appropriately for her Mass.
- If scheduling situations should arise, you must be flexible with the suggested accommodations, or Quinceañera will be cancelled, money will not be refunded.
- If the Quinceañera, her parents, family, or participants act inappropriately toward Church personnel/volunteers.

Stipend

A stipend or donation is acceptable for the presiding priest and/or deacon at your discretion. This stipend or donation is separate from any fee or donation paid for the use of the facility.

By signing my name below, I (please print name) _____, acknowledge, understand and will abide by the terms and conditions listed above in this contract.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Today's Date

Quinceañera's Full Name

Quinceañera Date and Time

Phone Number

Rehearsal Date and Time

Language for Mass
English / Spanish / Bilingual