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QUINCEAÑERA CELEBRATION

Congratulations on your coming Quinceañera celebration. In our parish we celebrate the 15th birthday for young Catholic women who are already sacramentally confirmed or for those who are in preparation to receive this last sacrament of Christian initiation. Unfortunately, we don't have special classes for quinceañeras, so there is no fast way to be confirmed.

At the heart of the quinceañera's religious ceremony is the renewal of her baptismal promises and her prayer of self dedication to Christ. Consequently, it is presumed that the quinceañera goes regularly to Church and has received all her sacraments.

Preparation: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. The celebration takes place only on Saturdays at **12:00 PM and 2:30 PM**. Rehearsal for the ceremony is scheduled on the Thursday or Friday before the ceremony. Please call to schedule time. The Parish hall and School cafeteria are now available to rent for private events. For more information please contact the parish office. The priest is available for confessions after the rehearsal and everyone is encouraged to confess, so that all may fully enter into the Mass by a worthy reception of the Lord's Body and Blood.

Fees/Donations:

Families will pay **\$400.00** fee and a deposit of **\$150.00 (non-refundable)** is required in order to reserve the date. The total fees are to cover the use of the church building (rehearsal and ceremony) plus the time of the priest.

* Donation to the priest is separate and is given directly to the priest after celebrating Mass.*

* The donation to the parish and the priest does not include the cost of flowers or the choir.*

Time:

You have thirty (30) minutes before the ceremony to decorate the church and thirty (30) minutes after to take pictures. There may be other activities scheduled in the church before and/or after your quinceañera schedule. Please be considerate.

ADDITIONAL COSTS:

Music:

These arrangements should be made by the family and the musicians paid directly by the family. The parish is happy to provide you with a list of our parish choirs, contact information so that you can make the necessary arrangements with them directly. If you choose to bring any outside choir or other music please provide the office with the information and pay a fee of \$50.00 (Pastors approval needed).

Flowers and Decorations:

It is the responsibility of Quinceañera's family to decorate the church. Or you may contact our parish florist Rosario Haro at 415-533-3071 or Socorro Aragon at 415-913-9328 for a additional fee. If you choose to bring an outside florist there will be an additional fee of \$50.00. If you wish to leave the floral arrangements for the Sunday Masses as yet another way of thanking God. The community will gratefully appreciate it.

Pictures:

The use of strobe and flash are prohibited during the ceremony. Photographers and videographers are not allowed to walk around in the sanctuary during the ceremony. The priest would be happy to accommodate himself to take pictures after Mass.