



Quinceañera Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication of the Girl

Heavenly Father, I thank you for the gift of life, for creating me in your image and likeness, and for calling me to be your daughter through Baptism. Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to save me and your Holy Spirit to sanctify me. To that which in your goodness and love you will for me, I say “yes,” with your grace I commit myself to serve my brothers and sister all my life. Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, I dedicate myself to you. Since you are my model of faith, help me to continue learning from you what I need to be a Christian woman. Help me to hear the Word of God as you did, holding it in my heart and loving others, so that, as I walk with Jesus in this life, I may worship him with you in all eternity. Amen.

About the Quinceañera Celebration

REGISTRATION

- All Saturday quinceañera celebrations are initially scheduled for 10:00 a.m. so that weddings can take place in the afternoon. If there is no wedding, the quinceañera may be rescheduled for the afternoon – **but it will not be rescheduled until it is less than 4 months away.** Please call the parish office to make the change.
- Requirements for scheduling a quinceañera:
 - Baptismal Certificate
 - First Holy Communion Certificate.
 - Non-refundable fee of \$100.00
 - Registration for the online class.
- The young lady must complete the online class for quinceañeras at www.CatholicQuincePrep.com. The cost is \$95. *This must be completed within 3 months of scheduling the quinceañera.*

THE CEREMONY

- A maximum of seven (7) couples (Damas & Chambelanes) are allowed, and they must all be under 19 years of age. *It is inappropriate to have only chambelanes.*
- A practice (with confessions) is required. **The practice is held on the Wednesday before the quinceañera at 4:00pm.**
- Music is optional for the quinceañera blessing. If it is desired, it can be arranged through the church office. The cost is \$150 and goes entirely to the musician.
- Photography: Professionals must speak with the priest before the service. Posed photographs will be permitted in the church after the service for 20 minutes.

THE CHURCH

- Remember that the Church is the house of God and a house of prayer. Please respect the Church and the people.
- Low-cut dresses, bare shoulders, extremely short dresses, clothing with gang or drug signs, etc. are not allowed.
- No Food, drinks, or chewing gum in the Church.
- No balloons, aisle runners, flower petals, rice, confetti, bubbles, etc. Please do not use tape on the pews.

FINALLY

- The Church strongly suggests that the quinceañera is registered each and every year for Religious Education classes, not just for first Communion and for Confirmation.
- Extravagance is not only wasteful but can also be scandalous. Therefore, lavish receptions, limousines, etc. are all strongly discouraged.

