

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE QUINCEANERA CELEBRATION

The quinceañera is not just another excuse for a party, but is a time of Thanksgiving to God for life, the family and the community. The following are the policies and guidelines for our quinceañera program of the Church of Christ the King.

- (1) Family must be registered in the parish for a period of 12 months preceding the date of the first meeting of preparation. **Family must attend weekly mass and offering(tithe).**
- (2) The quinceañera must have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and you should have received the first communion within the hour of the ceremony. If the quinceañera has not received the sacrament of communion, it must be registered at RCIA to receive the sacrament before the ceremony of fifteen years. (The certificate must be provided.)
- (3) The quinceañera must attend and complete four (4) preparation sessions accompanied by their parents, godparents. The quinceañera and her court must also **attend a retreat**. If circumstances prevent the quinceañera to attend one of the sessions, it must put in accordance with the coordinator/instructor to retrieve the session (s) that got lost.
- (4) As Christians we are called to serve others, the quinceañera is suggested to participate at least three service projects, organized by the Youth Ministry between the start of the preparation and the of fifteen year ceremony.
- (5) Preparation sessions consist of:
  - A spirituality and Christian values
  - B. video: sexuality with a Christian perspective
  - C. dreaming the future
  - E. understanding ritual ceremony
  - (F). Retreat for the quinceañera and her court
- (6) Retreat will be distributed quarterly, through the year; March, July, October, dates will be available at the time of registry: time will be from 1: 00 to 5:00 pm on a Saturday.
- (7) Fifteen years ceremony is scheduled on Saturdays at 2: 00 pm only. Which could be celebrate it **BY THE PRIEST or BY THE DEACON**. Visiting PRIEST OR DEACON must have written request for approvable by the pastor. At least three months before the celebration.
- (8) Fifteen years ceremony is not a sacrament of the Church. Therefore could **SERVICE OF THE WORD**. Every effort should be made to distinguish this event as a non-sacramental event.

- (9) Procession will include their parents, godparents, the quinceañera and Court.
- (10) All persons participating in the ceremony must be present at the rehearsal. Celebration rehearsal shall be at 6: 00 pm the Friday before the ceremony; which will be directed by members of the quinceañeras ministry. Regularly we cannot accept changes to daylight saving time unless the Church has no emergency. There will be no celebration without rehearsal.
- (11) The quinceañera, parents, godparents and all other participants are encouraged to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) prior the day of the ceremony. **Confessions are Saturdays at 4: 30, here in the Church of Christ the King.**
- (12) The cost for a ceremony of fifteen years is as follows (*fees are subject to change*):  
Fees for the preparation program and use of the Church:
- \$400.00 donation ceremony
  - \$100.00 non-refundable
  - \$300.00 to be paid in total two weeks before the ceremony
- Music and flowers not** are included in this fee. The music is paramount for the Eucharistic Celebration. The share of a choir is independent of the donation ceremony. **If you want to contract a parish choir please call the office at 619-231-8906.**
- (13) Decoration is limited; the altar area cannot be saturated with decorations: flowers at the foot of the altar are permitted. Adhesive tape on the pews or put decorative ribbon hanging on the side of the pews is **not allowed**, chairs moving or decorative arch are not permitted. If you have any questions please ask quinceañeras ministers.
- (14) If the quinceañera does not meet the above requirements your celebration can be cancelled **without reimbursement** since its place could have been occupied by another person.
- (15) It is your responsibility to **inform the office of address or phone number change**. We are not responsible for not being able to contact you if the information you provided has changed.

For more information  
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