

PLANNING THE LITURGICAL CELEBRATION

A PDF of the liturgy explains the process and options for the celebration of the Order for Blessing on the Fifteenth Birthday. It will guide you through the liturgy step-by-step.

The quinceañera and her family will work with the Priest/Deacon and the Director of Music in preparing the liturgical celebration.

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Holy Family Church is committed to the liturgical directives of the Church. Because we believe that the church building is our most sacred space, we strive to celebrate all our liturgies according to our community's standard of liturgical appropriateness. Therefore, we ask you to only consider music for your celebration that is God-centered and sacred. The Director of Music will happily guide you through the appropriate selections and will provide you with many options for music at the meeting.

Arrangements with the Organist and Cantor for the quinceañera Liturgy must be made directly with the Director of Music at least two months before the ceremony. No other arrangements for music are to be made without first contacting the Director of Music at Holy Family Parish. If permission is given by the Director of Music for the employment of outside musicians, all music must still be approved by the parish Director of Music. *The fee for Parish Organist still applies -- the "bench fee" -- as is customary in the Archdiocese of NY.*

Please call 914.632.0673 ext. 19 to reach the parish Director of Music. Or you may email her at musichallnyc@gmail.com

ENVIRONMENT AND FLOWERS

The use of flower petals, confetti, or any other thrown item is not permitted – inside or outside the church. Bubbles are permitted only outside of the church.

If you choose to have any decorations on the pew ends, they must be attached with elastic bands. There are 62 rows of pews. Tape of any kind is not permitted. Access to the center aisle of the Church cannot be obstructed.

Floral arrangements are welcomed in the sanctuary of the church and are placed near the altar. Please advise your florist that all containers must be in a protective dish in order to protect the carpeting.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Many quinceañeras choose to hire photographers to capture this special celebration on film. However, we ask that the photographer be respectful of the sacredness of the Liturgy. Therefore, we expect the following guidelines to be observed:

- 1 – The photographers must check-in with the Priest or Deacon.
- 2 – The photographer's presence must not be intrusive. They must be respectful of the congregation's right to view the ceremony.
- 3 – Photographers must never intrude upon the celebrant or the ceremony. They are not to step up into the sanctuary during the liturgy, and it is your responsibility to make sure they are informed. They may not stop the liturgy for posed pictures. Posed pictures may be taken after the liturgy.
- 4 – If video cameras are used, floodlights are prohibited.

CHURCH OFFERING AND OTHER FEES

Each Quinceañera will require fees payable to the **Church** and the **Organist**. These envelopes will be given to you by the parish staff. All fees are to be paid one month before the Mass.

A non-refundable \$200. cash deposit is **REQUIRED** to hold the quinceañera date on the calendar for non-parishioners. This will be applied to your church fee.

Gratuities for the Altar Server (if present) are at your discretion.

Additional Instrumentalists (i.e. Mariachi) may be hired at their individual rates.

Bendición al Cumplir Quince Años

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Church of the Holy Family

New Rochelle, New York

