



Quinceanera

St. Francis of Assisi Church

Introduction and Requirements

The parish Quinceanera program recognizes the importance of this celebration in the life of a young woman and seeks to help the person prepare through prayer, study, and service. The parish celebrates a Quinceanera for young woman of 15 years of age who are active members of the parish and are involved in the faith formation programs of the parish such as Generation of Faith and/or the youth ministry programs. If a family is interested in joining the parish and becoming members they can find out how to do so by contacting the parish. They need to be active participating and contributing members for six months prior to being able to set a date for the Quinceanera. Most of the parishes providing Quinceanera have similar requirements. There is a parish that celebrates Quinceanera without the requirement of parish membership. This is St. Leo Church, 88 Race St., San Jose, 408-293-3503.

2. The Preparation Program

The young woman participates in the parish Confirmation program and is encouraged to be involved in the youth ministry activities of the parish. She is assigned a "guia" – a person who will meet with her to assist her in preparing and reflecting on this experience. There is a reflection book provided for this purpose. She completes ten hours of community service. After completing these requirements, she meets with the priest to plan the ceremony. We do not presently have a priest who speaks Spanish on the staff so our ceremonies are in English only. If you prefer to celebrate the mass in Spanish you would have to make your own arrangements.

3. Cost & How to Register

The cost of the program is \$45 for Generations of Faith/Youth Ministry, \$50 for Confirmation, and \$300 for the Quinceanera preparation program. To register or for more information please contact **Will Sousa at 408-223-1562 x316.**

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Registration*

Name of Person Preparing _____

Parents/Guardians Names _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Quinceanera Requested Date/Time _____

*To register for the Quiceanera program at St. Francis of Assisi, a family has to be active, participating and registered members of the parish, and the young person has to have participated in the faith formation/youth ministry program of the parish for at least six months.

Program Requirements

It is the responsibility of the young woman and her parents to meet the following requirements in preparation for the Quinceanera. If the requirements are not met, the quinceanera celebration will be postponed until the requirements are completed.

_____ Date/Time and Facility Confirmation by Office staff

_____ Participation in the Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Program

_____ Completion of "Guia" Meeting #1

_____ Completion of "Guia" Meeting #2

_____ Completions of "Guia" Meeting #3

_____ 10 hours of Community Service

_____ Payment of Quinceanera Fee

_____ Meeting with Priest to Plan Ceremony (1 month prior)

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