



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Quinceañera Requirements & Guidelines

A Quinceañera is not a Catholic sacrament; however, it is a significant cultural celebration to thank God for the gift of life.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Candidate must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and the sacramental certificates must be submitted at time of registration. If candidate has not received the sacrament of confirmation, she must be currently enrolled in our program and/or fulfill the Candidate Requirements as indicated below.
- Candidate and parent(s) must complete and return a *Quinceañera Mass Registration* form at least 6 months prior to requested date but no earlier than 1 year and sign the *Quinceañera Acknowledgement* form.

DONATION:

Mass: \$600.00 (please make checks payable to Corpus Christi Church)

Non-parishioners: \$800.00

Note: Payment is due once the date has been approved by the Pastor. Please keep in mind that once the date has been confirmed the donation is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

****NO DATE IS CONFIRMED UNTIL PASTOR'S APPROVAL****

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates currently in Confirmation Program:

- Attend at least 3 youth nights, complete 5 hours of community service at an outside facility (see Community Service Opportunities sheet) and provide copy of Weekly Mass Attendance journal.

Candidates not in Confirmation Program, already confirmed, or enrolling in program:

- Attend 5 confirmation youth nights, complete 10 hours of community service at an outside facility (see Community Service Opportunities sheet) and provide copy of Weekly Mass Attendance journal.

Note: *Candidates must submit community service, youth night, and Mass attendance forms with authorized signature by youth ministry coordinator or supervisor at volunteer site to the Quinceañera Coordinator 2 months prior to scheduled ceremony date.*

CEREMONY/LITURGY GUIDELINES

Mass Scheduling

- Quinceañera Masses are scheduled on Saturdays at 11:00 am **ONLY**. No exceptions will be made. No Quinceañera celebrations are scheduled during Lent.

Rehearsal

- Rehearsals are scheduled 1-2 days prior to ceremony for one hour and will begin promptly at scheduled time and end at allotted time. It is your responsibility to ensure all the participants arrive on time or rehearsal may be shortened or cancelled.

During Mass

- Mass will begin promptly at scheduled time; otherwise, your event will be shortened or possibly cancelled. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to ceremony.
- Only the parents will process in and out with candidate.

Music/Photography

- Please contact Music Director, Rosolino Gambino at least 6 months prior to Mass to reserve a musician. Contact info: (619) 482-3954, ext.2003 or email RGambino@corpuschristicatholic.org
- Still photography and videography are allowed; however, they must be discreet and respectful of the church and not interfere with the flow of the ceremony. Flash photography may be used in accordance with the guidelines provided. Please read and sign Photographer *Guidelines* for complete policy.

Decorations/Floral Arrangements

- The sanctuary and church environment are set according to the current liturgical season, feast days and solemnities. No floral arrangements or decorations are permitted inside or outside of the church.
- Sanctuary and church items may not be moved or removed under any circumstances.

After Mass

- To ensure that the church and other areas used are clean and do not cause interruption or delay of any ceremonies or Masses to follow, please assign someone to be responsible for removal of all ceremony items (i.e. programs) and personal items left in the church.
- Corpus Christi Church and the Diocese of San Diego assumes no liability for any and all items left inside and outside of the church or for any lost items.

Attire/Church Etiquette

- Candidate, participants/members of the court must be dressed appropriately for the church ceremony. Modesty is essential. Please speak directly with the Quinceañera Coordinator regarding appropriate attire. At the discretion of the presider and/or coordinator, the candidate, participants/members of the court may be required to wear a cover-up (shawl) if the attire is deemed inappropriate.
- Inappropriate behavior by guests and/or members of the Court of Honor reflect on the candidate and the family. Please encourage those participating and attending to adhere to church policies, church etiquette and attire.
- Food, drinks, tobacco, or alcohol are prohibited. Animals not allowed with the exception of service animals.



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Quinceañera Requirements & Guidelines Acknowledgement Form

Name of Candidate: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____

Requested Ceremony Date: _____

Our signatures certify that we have received the “*Quinceañera Requirements & Guidelines*” and that we understand the contents. We agree to uphold the program guidelines and understand that if we have any questions, we must contact the Quinceañera Coordinator.

_____ Candidate-Print Name	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Parent-Print Name	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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