



St. Anthony Marie de Claret Quinceañera Guidelines

In order to serve the needs of the people of God and to be responsible stewards of the gifts given to the Diocese, the Diocese of Austin and the parish of St. Anthony Marie de Claret issue the following Quinceañera Guidelines:

1. Scheduling a Quinceañera celebration is to be made no more than one year and no less than six months in advance.
 - a. A donation of _____ is requested for the Group Quinceañera celebration which should be paid one month prior to the event. **No personal checks will be accepted.**
2. The family of the Quinceañera should be registered as members of the parish. The family should be active within the parish.
3. Faith Formation:
 - a. The parish will provide a one day Retreat which the candidate is required to attend. The retreat will provide instruction on the cultural and religious traditions surrounding the Quinceañera.
 - b. The young person must be enrolled for at least six months in religious education including Confirmation Classes and/or active in the Youth Group.
4. Sacraments:
 - a. It is required that the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation be completed. Proof of completing sacraments must be presented.
 - b. It is required that Confirmation be completed or in the process of completion.
5. The Ceremony:
 - a. The candidate celebrating the Quinceañera may wear a Sunday dress or a long formal dress. The Quinceañera dress should be modest. No strapless dresses and if the dress has spaghetti straps, a cover or jacket must be worn in the church.
 - b. The appropriate symbols to be used in the Quinceañera celebration are to be limited to a Bible or prayer book, Rosary, ring, earrings, necklace or medallion, crown and flowers. None of these gifts are required but will be accepted if you choose to include them in the celebration.
 - c. The procession will be limited to the Quinceañera and parents. All others are welcomed to sit in the pews prior to the beginning of the Mass.
 - d. It is encouraged that the Quinceañera read the scriptures during the celebration.
 - e. Items will be blessed during the Quinceañera celebration by the Celebrant.
 - f. No personal or secular symbols are to be used (loquets, mementos from boyfriends, stuffed animals, etc.) as part of the ritual.
 - g. The Quinceañera should not be an occasion for either unnecessary ritual flamboyance or excessive spending.
 - h. Photography will be permitted but under no circumstances should photography ever impede or dominate the liturgical celebration.

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