## Guidelines for the Quinceañera Celebration at

## St. Juliana Catholic Church

## Office for Faith Formation

The Quinceañera should not be an excuse to have a party. It is a time of thanksgiving for life, family, community, and our parish faith life. The following are the policies and guidelines for St. Juliana Catholic Church (St. Joseph Office Faith Formation) Quinceañera program:

1. The family must be registered in the parish for a period of three (3) months prior to the date of the first preparation session. The family should be attending Mass weekly and be an active steward of the parish.

1. The honoree should register for her sacramental classes if she wishes to have a mass on or before her 14th birthday, but no later than her 15th birthday (one year before her 15th birthday). This will allow sufficient time for preparation classes before celebrating her Quince Años ceremony.
2. The honoree must have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and must have received First Eucharist prior to the time of the ceremony. If the honoree has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, she should be enrolled to prepare to receive the sacrament. (Certificates must be provided if you are not a parishioner).
3. The honoree should be registered and attending Faith Formation classes for one full year while preparing for her Quince Años celebration.  The young lady must also be actively involved in the parish’s **youth ministry program.**
4. The honoree must attend and complete (8) preparation sessions, accompanied at the first session for a faith interview with her parents. There are no makeup sessions, therefore no more than one class can be missed. Classes are from 7:00p.m. to 8:15p.m.

6.   As Christians we are called to serve others, the honoree must participate in at least one service project in our church between the beginning of her preparation and the Quince Años ceremony.

**The preparation sessions will consist of the following: (a parent must attend classes with their daughter)**

a)   Initial meeting with Quinceañera and her parents

b)   **Session II** Women’s Roles in Our Society and in the Church

d) **Session III** Time, Talent and Treasure, Discuss Project

e) **Session IV** What is sexuality and spirituality?

f) **Session V** What is Liturgy? (Liturgy of the Word)

g)  **Session VI** What is Liturgy? (Liturgy of the Eucharist)

h) **Session VII** How are we a source in the community as young Latina women?

i)   **Session VIII** – Positive and Negative Value of the Quinceanera

Preparation for Presentation to the Pastor (Rev. Ducasse Francois) and the Director of Music and Liturgy *(set rehearsal date and requirements for flowers, music, decorations and etc…)* Everyone participating in the ceremony must be present at the rehearsal and the day of the event at least **30 minutes** prior to the ceremony. *(The rehearsal is conducted by the priest and/or the music director).* The honoree, the family and all other participants are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before the ceremony.

**Final meeting** – Schedule an appointment to meet with the pastor a month prior to your celebration

The Quince Años ceremonies are scheduled at 12:00 pm (noon) **there is a donation fee, due once you have registered the date of your celebration of $375 for parishioners in the parish, and $450.00 for non parishioners.** **Please note this does not include flowers, decoration arrangements, or music.**

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