

Ottawa Catholic Community  
Ottawa, IL 61350

### **Quince Años Policy**

The Quince Años are a very special and sacred moment in the life of a Hispanic family. In the Quince Años the maturity of spirit and life of the young woman who turns 15 is celebrated. It is a tradition in Mexican culture to celebrate this with a Quince Años Ceremony or Mass.

\*In order for the girl to be able to celebrate her Quince Años, normally she should have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

\*For those families that are devout and practicing it is possible to have a mass with the ceremony. For those families who are not practicing, it is appropriate to have a Liturgy of the Word with the ceremony.

The requirements are the following:

1. The family must be registered in one of Ottawa's Catholic Parishes.
2. The family, including the girl, must attend Mass every weekend.
3. The family must contribute regularly to their parish.
4. The family needs to be involved/active in some aspect of parish life.
5. The family, including the girl, should meet with the Priest/Deacon celebrating the Quince Años at least once to discuss the spiritual meaning and review the liturgy before the Quince Años.
6. The family must be registered with the parish six (6) months before they can schedule a Quince Años. Normally it is required that the girl has already received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Quince Años must be scheduled at least 3 months before the current date.

The cost is \$300.00 for a registered member and \$500.00 for a non-registered member.