



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the requirements to have my quince celebration at Our Lady of the Valley (OLV)?

Teens wanting to have their Quince Mass at OLV need to **be registered for Good Fighters** (youth group program at OLV on Sundays at 10:15 or 1:15, and Wednesday at 5 pm. You only need to go to *one* of these sessions. To register, fill out the registration papers at the office. Teens need to attend the **quince retreat on April 14th, 9 am to 3 pm**. Teens also need to sign a commitment form, outlining 15 requirements. Finally, teens need to set up their date of their quince Mass by calling the office.

What commitment am I making during my Quince Mass?

During the Quince Rite, “you are making a commitment to God and the Blessed Virgin to live out the rest of her life according to the teachings of Christ and the Church by renewing her Baptismal promises” as stated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

What will I (or my child) be learning at the quince retreat?

Teens will be learning about the commitment they are making to God and Mary during the Quince rite and concrete ways to be obedient to that commitment.

What do I need to bring to the retreat?

Teens do not need to bring anything to retreat. We ask that you come prepared to learn as the Quince leaders have given of their time to prepare this retreat so you will be ready for the blessings and commitment that will be given during your Quince Mass.

Does the *retreat* cost money?

The retreat cost is \$30 to cover food and retreat activity expenses, paid the day of.

Will I get to celebrate my Quinceañera by myself or with a group?

Father Rob has started doing *individual* Quinceañeras; It is up to you if you want to celebrate your Quince by yourself or with a friend(s).

How much money will my Quince Mass cost?

Quince Mass will cost \$250, *50 percent or \$125 non-refundable down payment is required when the Quince Mass is scheduled, the other \$125 is to be paid one month prior to Quince Mass*. Please know that the choir is NOT included in this cost. You are required to schedule and pay for the choir separately. You may ask for a list of choirs at the office.

How do I schedule the Quince Mass?

Call the office to schedule your Quince Mass. Quince Mass is only celebrated on Saturdays.

Will there be Quince rehearsals?

Quinceañera, parents, Godparents, chambelanes and damas (if applicable) need to assist rehearsals, Friday before the Quince at 7 pm.

Can I do my Quince at OLV if I'm not from this parish?

Teens from other parishes may do their Quince at OLV if they bring a letter from their pastor giving them permission to do so and a letter from their youth minister, proving they are attending youth group. You are also required to go to the Quince retreat.

References:

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. (n.d.). Fifteen questions on the Quinceañera. Retrieved by: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/sacramentals-blessings/quinceanera/fifteen-questions-on-the-quinceanera.cfm>