

St. Raphael Parish  
 2301 Zanzibar El Paso, Texas  
 915-598-3431

**Covenant for a Quinceanera Celebration**

*All Quinceanera Celebrations are on Fridays at 5 PM*

Name of the Quinceanera: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

What Parish/Church do you go to? \_\_\_\_\_

Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

English | Spanish | Bi-Lingual

**Requirements:**

1. A copy of the Certificate of Baptism and Communion must be submitted with this application. Applications without these documents will not be accepted.
2. The quinceanera must be enrolled in Religious Formation classes for confirmation. If the Quinceanera is attending confirmation classes elsewhere, an official letter (stating name, participation, attendance, etc.) from that parish's

confirmation program director must be submitted along with this application.

3. Quinceanera fee is \$200. The donation should be paid in full a month before the scheduled Quinceanera

**Guidelines for the Celebration:**

1. Court will be allowed in the church and they should participate in the Mass.
2. The Quinceanera should compose a prayer of thanksgiving which she will read in the Mass.
3. The Quinceanera will be allowed to present flowers to the Blessed Virgin Mary after communion.
4. Photography will be allowed during the Mass but we ask that NO ELECTRONIC FLASH be used during the mass itself. Please inform all photographers.
5. The Church will be decorated according to Liturgical Season. If you wish to add more decoration in the church, it should augment and not replace the existing decoration. You can decorate the pews but we ask that you do not use any kind of tapes or adhesive.
6. The following are not allowed in the church or in the immediate church property: arches, bubbles, throwing of rice, bird seed or something similar

*The celebration of the Quinceanera has its origins in the Aztec peoples of centuries past. After the Spanish conquest in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, the Aztec rite was Christianized by Franciscan missionaries. The celebration centered on the fact that at 15, a young lady was ready for marriage. In advance of the Quinceanera celebration a young lady was taught how to cook, sew, and care for children. She was 'blessed' and declared ready for marriage.*

*In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, our understanding of the Quinceanera celebration is very different. The Quince blessing is no longer a rite that declares a young teen ready for marriage. Instead, we ask God's blessing upon the boy or girl, asking the Lord to help them to be good Christians. We want our young people to think large about their futures-such as going to college and*

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Date	Amount Paid	Balance	Mode of Payment	Receipt #

The following information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore, I understand the requirements and guidelines completely and by signing this application, I agree to them.

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Parent Signature

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Date