



**Ottawa Catholic Community**  
**Ottawa, IL 61350**

## **Quince Años Policy**

A quince años is a very special and sacred moment in the life of a hispanic family. A quince años celebrates the maturity of spirit and life of the young girl who is turning 15. It is a tradition in the Mexican culture to celebrate this with a Quince Años Ceremony or Mass.

In order for the girl to make her Quince Años, she should normally have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

For those families who 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 as follows:

1. The family must be registered in one of the Ottawa Catholic Parishes.
2. The family, including the girl, must be attending Mass each weekend
3. The family must be contributing regularly to their of the parish
4. The family needs to be involved/active with some aspect of parish life
5. The family, including the girl, must meet with the Priest/Deacon celebrating the Quince Años at least one time to discuss the spiritual meaning and to review the liturgy before the Quince Años.
6. The famliy must be registered in the parish six (6) months before they can schedule a quinceannos. It is normally required that the girl has already received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Quinceannos must be scheduled at least 3 months before the actual date.

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