## St. Anne Quinceañera Policy 2021-22

## Introduction:

Congratulations are in order for any young woman preparing to celebrate her entrance into maturity and her 15<sup>th</sup> year of life celebration. This is a very special occasion for you as you publicly consecrate yourself to Christ and to seek to live out his will in a more active way. We want to celebrate the call to be a mature Christian woman in the faith and we thank God for giving us this opportunity. Therefore, in order to help foster this environment, we ask you and those participating to help keep this celebration focused on that rather than the externals so that we can keep the dignity and joy that we intend to have. Please be familiar with the information given in this brochure to help you to understand the process and instructions.

## **Requirements:**

In order to celebrate a Quinceañera at St. Anne the following requirements must be met:

- 1. Meet with Sandra Lopez three months ahead of time
- 2. The quinceañera and her family must be parishioners of St. Anne or have a letter from their pastor stating that they are participating in their home parish.
- 3. The quinceañera must have received the sacrament of Baptism.
- 4. First Communion is required in order to celebrate the Quinceañera within Mass, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is recommended prior to the celebration.
- 5. The quinceañera must be attending Mass regularly.
- 6. Two types of Quinceañera Blessings:

A. Outside of Mass: If you want a simple blessing after Mass, the blessing needs to be coordinated with Sandra Lopez ahead of time, ideally at least a month. B. Within Mass: If you want the blessing to be within Mass which will include the Rite of Quinceañera, the quinceañera needs to complete a two month "Mass Commentary Booklet" a month before the Quinceañera date. Quinceañeras are done within the context of any already scheduled weekend Mass as long as there is no other blessings, rituals, or Sacraments happening. *Be aware that this requires that the quinceañera begin this process three months ahead of time*.