



## Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá

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Welcome! You have contacted the Mission Parish about having a Quinceañera here. It has been a traditional practice in Mexican society to celebrate the fifteenth (quince años) birthday of the girls with a special religious celebration. The religious celebration focuses on thanksgiving and a renewal to the girl's Christian commitment. With this in mind, the following guidelines apply for those wishing to celebrate the Quinceañera at Mission San Diego de Alcalá.

- 1) The family must be active parishioners of Mission San Diego de Alcalá.
- 2) The girl must be enrolled in a Religious Education program (catechism class for public school) or be attending a Catholic school.
- 3) The girl must have received her First Reconciliation and First Communion and be currently attending Sunday Mass. Also she should have received the Sacrament of Confirmation or be preparing to receive it in the near future.
- 4) The Quinceañera can be a Mass or a ceremony (Bible readings, homily, blessing and prayers).
- 5) Parents and Godparents can participate in the Quinceañera with the girl. However, no "escort" for the girl will be permitted. Three chambelanes and three damas will be allowed (between 13 and 18 years of age).
- 6) There will be a Quinceañera catechesis (religious instruction) for the family to help them prepare spiritually for the Quinceañera.
- 7) Quinceañeras will not be scheduled on Saturday or Sunday. They can be scheduled after 1:00 pm during the week (subject to Church availability) and no later than 7:00 pm.
- 8) No facilities are available for a reception.
- 9) Appropriate church music is to be used. Prior to making any music arrangements, contact is to be made with the Mission's Music Director, Gene Regard at (760) 806-1700 or (858) 487-7457.
- 10) To set the date, contact should be made with a priest or deacon of the parish no later than two months before the desired date of the Quinceañera.
- 11) Church donation is \$400.00 which is to be deposited at time of reservation.