



Quinceañera Blessings  
at  
St. Margaret Mary Roman Catholic Church, Swannanoa

The Quinceañera Blessing is a celebration of a young woman's faith and presents an opportunity to renew the promises made at Baptism. Therefore, for a young woman to properly receive a Quinceañera Blessing at St. Margaret Mary, there must be shown a desire, on the part of the young woman, to express a deeper participation in the life of the Catholic Faith, as evidenced by her participation in the life and work of our parish.

Should a candidate for a Quinceañera Blessing reflect a life that shows very little evidence of living her faith, then the celebration of her Quinceañera is not appropriate and will not be scheduled.

The guidelines presented here are designed to help parents and their daughter prepare their faith life to be properly disposed to receive the Quinceañera Blessing. This blessing is a celebration of a life lived in faith. Keep that in mind as you review the requirements for a Quinceañera.

**The Quinceañera Blessing at Saint Margaret Mary:** We do not schedule individual Quinceañera Masses at St. Margaret Mary. The Quinceañera Blessing will be scheduled to take place during a *regularly* scheduled Sunday Mass; we will try to accommodate the family's selected Mass date and time. After the homily, the candidate will be called up to the foot of the altar to renew her baptismal promises and receive the Quinceañera Blessing. Please contact the parish office for more detailed instructions.

**Expectations of a Candidate for Quinceañera:**

- The candidate for a Quinceañera Blessing must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance and Holy Communion;
- The candidate must be enrolled and actively participating in Religious Education program at St. Margaret Mary;
- The candidate should be actively participating in Confirmation preparation classes at St. Margaret Mary, if they are of appropriate age;
- The Quinceañera candidate should also be active in the Youth Ministry of the parish, and/or be serving in a parish ministry;
- Parents of the candidate should demonstrate some level of being registered and active parishioners at St. Margaret Mary for at least six (6) months prior to requesting a Quinceañera Blessing for their daughter.
- If these expectations are met, you will be scheduled for a Quinceañera Blessing at a Sunday Mass.