

ORDER FOR BLESSING ON THE FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY WITHIN MASS DIOCESE OF DALLAS

(Approved by Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 2007)

The Mass for *Various Needs and Occasions*, “*In Thanksgiving*” may be celebrated during weekdays and even Sundays of Ordinary (Anticipated Mass included). However, the Mass of the day with its’ proper readings are to be used on the days listed in nos. 1-4 of the table of liturgical days.

- ❖ Solemnity
- ❖ Weekday of Easter Week (also Solemnities)
- ❖ Sunday’s of Advent, Lent, and the Easter Season.

HOMILY

The priest gives an explanation of the grace and mystery of life based on the sacred texts.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Intercessions may take the form usual at Mass or the following:

Priest:

We commend our cares and concerns to God, through the person of Christ, saying: R/Lord hear our Prayer.

Deacon/Lector

For our Holy Father, N., our bishop N., our pastor N., and all those who have dedicated their life to the service of God’s people, that they may continue to follow faithfully their vocation:
R/

For our civic rulers that they may perform their duties with justice and compassion for the good of all; R/

For N. (these quinceañeras) who is (are) celebrating her (their) birthday today, that she (they) may continue with happiness and generosity in the way of the Lord: R/

For the parents, grandparents and godparents of N., that they may continue to enjoy the fruit of their love in their children: R/

For the youth, particularly the “faith companions: of N (these quinceañeras)., that they may have the necessary strength to live according to their Christian principles. R/

For the sick and the poor in our community, that they may experience God’s love for them as those around them through those who respond to their needs. R/

For all our faithful departed, that they may enjoy the vision of God in heaven. R/

For all our personal intentions that are deep in our hearts and for all those for whom when should pray, that they may receive the graces they need. R/

Presider:

Loving Creator, we come before you with faith and love to praise your goodness and to acknowledge our need. We ask you to hear the prayers we make in the name of Jesus the Lord

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Order of Mass is observed.

BEFORE THE FINAL BLESSING

The priest invites the quinceañera(s) to make an act of thanksgiving and of a personal commitment to lead a Christian life.

Heavenly Father,
I thank you for the gift of life,
for creating me in your image and likeness
and for calling me to be your daughter through baptism.
Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to save me
and your Holy Spirit to sanctify me.
To that which in your goodness and love

you will for me, I say yes”.

With your grace I commit myself
to serve my brothers and sisters all my life.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother,
I dedicate myself to you.
Since you are my model of faith,
help me to continue learning from you what I need
to be a Christian woman.
Help me to hear the Word of God as you did,
holding it in my heart and loving others,
so that, as I walk with Jesus in this life,
I may worship Him with you in all eternity. Amen.

The priest responds:

N., (N & N) May God who has begun this good work in you,
bring it to completion.

According to the circumstances, the priest, in silence, sprinkles the
quinceañera(s) with holy water.

At this time, the quinceañera(s) may take a flower or a bouquet of
flowers to the image of the Blessed Mother.

If convenient, the priest invites the godparents and other couples acting
as sponsors to bring the religious articles to be given the quinceañera(s),
such as a medal, a bible, a rosary which have been previously blessed.

Then the baptismal godparents and the couples acting as sponsors give
the blessed objects to the quinceañera (quinceañeras).

AFTER CONCLUDING PRAYER

At the end of Mass the priest blesses the quinceañera(s) using these or
similar words:

Loving God, you created all the people of the world
and you know each of us by name.

We thank you for N., (quinceañeras)
who today celebrate her (their) fifteenth birthday.
Bless her (them) with your love and friendship
that she (they) may grow in wisdom, knowledge,
and grace. May she (they) love her (their) family always and be
faithful to her (their) friends.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All:

Amen.

Then the priest blesses all present in the usual way.

After the blessing, all may sing a hymn which suitable expresses
thanksgiving and joy or they may sing the song of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, *The Magnificat*.

ORDER FOR BLESSING ON THE FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY OUTSIDE MASS

DIOCESE OF DALLAS

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The present rite may be used by a priest or deacon.

When the community has gathered, a suitable song may be sung. Then
the one presiding says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All make the sign of the cross and reply:

Amen.

A priest or deacon greets those present in the following or other suitable
words, taken mainly from sacred Scripture.

The grace and peace of God our Father,
who granted us the gift of life
And made us his children through Baptism,

be with you all.
All:
And also with you.

The one who presides prepares all present to listen to the Word of God:
We have come together to celebrate the fifteenth birthday of N.
(these quinceaneras). As we join her (them) in her (their) joy, we
join her (them) also in her (their) gratitude. Let us listen to the
Word of God.

READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

Then the quinceanera, (if well prepared, or another person) proclaims
the following or another text from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading: (suggested options: Tobit, 13:7-8,10 or Jeremiah, 1:4-5,
17-19)

All:
Thanks be to God.

The one who presides invites the quinceanera(s) to make an act of
thanksgiving and of personal commitment to lead a Christian life.

The quinceanera(s) may do so using these or similar words:
Heavenly Father,
I thank you for the gift of life,
for creating me in your image and likeness
and for calling me to be your daughter through baptism.
Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to save me
and your Holy Spirit to sanctify me.
To that which in your goodness and love
you will for me, I say yes”.

With your grace I commit myself
to serve my brothers and sisters all my life.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother,
I dedicate myself to you.
Since you are my model of faith,
help me to continue learning from you what I need

to be a Christian woman.
Help me to hear the Word of God as you did,
holding it in my heart and loving others,
so that, as I walk with Jesus in this life,
I may worship Him with you in all eternity. Amen.

The presider responds:

N., (N & N) May God who has begun this good work in you,
bring it to completion.

According to the circumstances, the one who presides, in silence,
sprinkles the quinceañera(s) with holy water.

At this time, the quinceañera(s) may take a flower or a bouquet of
flowers to the image of the Blessed Mother.

If convenient, the one who presides invites the godparents and other
couples acting as sponsors to bring the religious articles to be given the
quinceañera(s), such as a medal, a bible, a rosary which have been
previously blessed. (This is optional)

Then the baptismal godparents and the couples acting as sponsors give
the blessed objects to the quinceañera (quinceañeras).

The one who presides says these or similar words:

Loving God, you created all the people of the world
and you know each of us by name.
We thank you for N., (quinceañeras)
who today celebrate her (their) fifteenth birthday.
Bless her (them) with your love and friendship
that she (they) may grow in wisdom, knowledge,
and grace. May she (they) love her (their) family always
and be faithful to her (their) friends.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All:

Amen.

The one who presides may invite all present to exchange the sign of
peace using these or similar words:

In the love of Christ,
let us conclude our celebration,

by offering one another a sign of peace.

All make an appropriate sign of peace, according to local custom.

After the blessing, all may sing a hymn which suitable expresses thanksgiving and joy or they may sing the song of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *The Magnificat*.