



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

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

The Mass for *Various Needs and Occasions, Mass of Thanksgiving*, may be celebrated during weekdays and even Sundays of Ordinary Time (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
- ❖ Weekdays of Easter Week (also Solemnities)
- ❖ Sundays of Advent, Lent, and the Easter Season.

HOMILY

The priest follows the gospel reading. In it 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: 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. We pray to the Lord:

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our civic rulers that they may perform their duties with justice and compassion for the good of all. We pray to the Lord: 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. We pray to the Lord: R/

For the parents, grandparents and godparents of N. (these quinceañeras), that they may continue to enjoy the fruit of their love in their children. We pray to the Lord: 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. We pray to the Lord: R/

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

For all our faithful departed, that they may enjoy the vision of God in heaven. We pray to the Lord: R/

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

The priest immediately adds the following or some other suitable prayer.

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.

The quinceañera(s) may do so in 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 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 one who presides invites the baptismal godparents and other couples acting as sponsors to bring the religious articles to be given to the quinceañera(s), such as a medal, a Bible, a rosary, and other religious objects which have been previously blessed. (This is optional.)

Then the baptismal godparents and the other 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. (these 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 suitably expresses thanksgiving and joy, or they may sing the song of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *The Magnificat*.