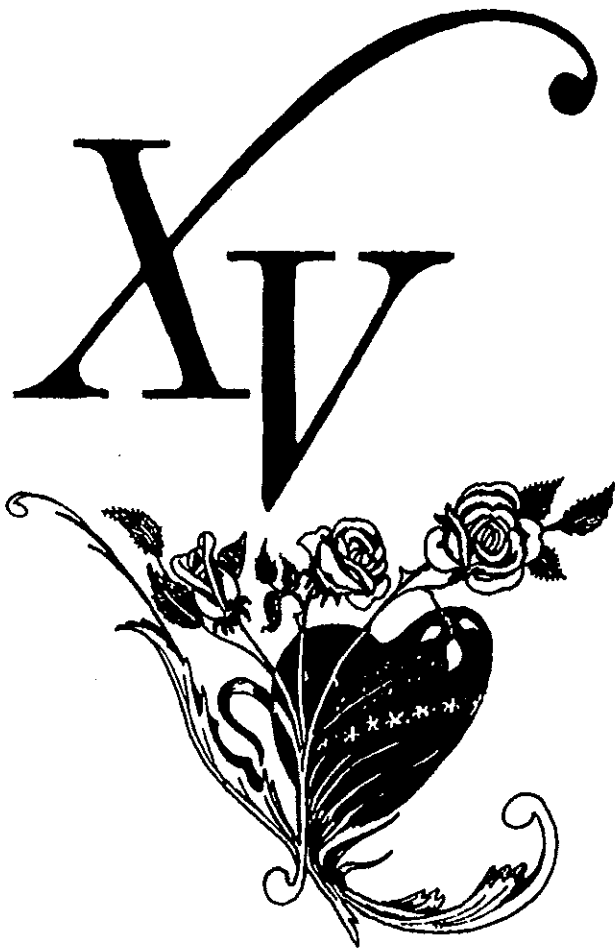


QUINCEAÑERA

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PREFACE

This work published bilingually has been the result of the many requests we have received from various persons for printed materials to be used in the preparation and celebration of the *quince años!* It includes a brief history of the custom of the Indian tribes, the possibility of using this event as a teachable moment, one suggested penance service, two suggested liturgies, one suggested homily.

In preparing and celebrating the *quince años* event, it is important to stress the need to celebrate the event in all simplicity possible in order to highlight its religious significance and Christian dimension.

Your comments, suggestions, observations, and critique in general are greatly encouraged and appreciated.

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WHAT IS A 'QUINCE AÑOS' CELEBRATION?

INTRODUCTION

A tradition that is gaining popularity among many Mexican American communities is that when a young lady reaches the age of 15 years, she has a celebration called *quince años*, which means 15 years. The custom probably dates back to a custom of the Mayas and the Toltecas. It was considered that the *muchacho* was not a person until he reached the age of 15. It was at this time that he was presented to the tribe community. It was then that he became a warrior. At this time he was given his *escudo* and *espada*. Now, he legally belonged to the community. The young lady was also presented to the community because she was looked upon as a vital force of the tribe. Because of her power of motherhood, she gave warriors to the community. For the young lady, the ceremony included the commitment and responsibility she had to the community. The community in turn accepted her as a committed and responsible member.

This custom dates back to the Jewish custom of presenting the young lady in the temple. The ceremony symbolizes the responsibility of the young lady at this time of her life to the human group of which she is a member. The way this custom is popularly understood today is the presentation of the young lady to society. In order to bring out the religious and spiritual dimensions, Catholics celebrate this custom with special emphasis on the awareness and sensitivity of the young lady in dealing with the values, concerns, and challenges of the Christian community.

The *quince años* celebration is not a sacrament but the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist may very well be integral parts of the celebration. The event may be celebrated in the most simple form possible to avoid creating class distinction in how it is celebrated.

TEACHABLE MOMENT

The occasion of a *quince años* can be used as a teachable moment for the young lady. Many times a young lady is refused this celebration in the Church because she knows nothing of the custom or because she is not attending the regular classes. Remember this is a teachable moment. A teachable moment in a way demands that we, the religious leaders of a given community, create alternatives and options for the many situations which we face in ministry. Used as a teachable moment, this may be the only occasion for the young lady to experience Christianity in the person of the minister, priest, sister, deacon, or catechist planning this celebration with and for her. The way this event is treated can be very important in the further communication of the young lady with the Church. Giving her the Word of God in the most significant way at this time of her life will determine how meaningful her life will be.

CATECHESIS

Well prepared classes could be designed to treat various themes in preparation for the celebration itself on a given date. The themes are developed, presented to, discussed, and reflected on by the young lady, all her *madrinas*, and their escorts. Her parents and *padrinos de bautismo* could also be invited to participate in the catechesis.

NUMBER OF CLASSES AND THEMES

Five to six classes could be scheduled to prepare all the persons who are participating in the event. The catechesis may well emphasize the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The following are possible themes to name only a few. You may think of others.

1. "Friendship: Opening New Doors"
2. "You Have A Right To Be Here"
3. "You Are The Light of The World"
4. "Person as Gift"
5. "Listening to Yourself, Others, and God"
6. "Forgiveness and Reconciliation"
7. "The Art of Healing"
8. "Smile: You Are Loved"
9. "Freedom: Your Right to Be"

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10. "Community: You and the Other"
11. "Peace: Do You Share It?"
12. "Birth: Your New Self"

DAY OF REFLECTION

A day before the celebration could be set aside in order to reflect on the value and significance of the *quince años*. Another option would be to have the instructions for a group of young ladies having their celebration in a given month. Plan a day of recollection for them and those involved in the event.

THE REHEARSAL

The rehearsal or *ensayo* could again be used as a teachable moment. A short *plática* or talk could be given to the group. As part of the preparation, a penitential celebration could be planned to give the people an opportunity for confession. Emphasis can be given on the privilege of receiving Holy Communion during the Mass at the actual church celebration.

SYMBOLS

As part of the catechesis, an explanation of the symbolism of the medal, the ring, the crown, and the flowers is given.

1. **The medal** symbolizes the religious expression of faith. The young lady is placed under the protection of the person represented by the image on the medal. Sometimes a little cross or crucifix is given.
2. **The ring** symbolizes the tie and the responsibility the young lady has to the community and to her God.
3. **The crown** symbolizes the victory the young lady has won in trying to live a Christian life in the midst of all the problems and challenges of her environment.
4. **The flowers** symbolize the newness of her commitment and responsibility to the community. Flowers symbolize new life at any event.

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CELEBRATION

The Eucharistic Celebration with all that is attached to the *quince años* will be celebrated in the spirit of gratitude for the gift of life. Persons who are significant for the young lady and invited guests will be present.

To make this *quince años* event a community celebration, an invitation may be extended to members of the various parish organizations.

The group of young people with the priest, sister, deacon, or catechist will prepare the Eucharistic Celebration according to a selected theme, possibly one already presented to the group in the preparation.

GROUP CELEBRATIONS

At times it may be more feasible to have group celebrations for *quinceañeras*. These group celebrations could be sponsored by the Church Community or parish at which time a symbolic gift is given to the young ladies in the name of the parish. The family could have a celebration for the individual young lady on the day of its choice.

SOCIAL

The social could be part of the extended liturgy. This part of the celebration is the expression of joy in the spirit of *fiesta*. The *fiesta* includes refreshments or a supper and music.

SUGGESTED PENANCE FOR 'QUINCE AÑOS'

Theme: "You Have A Right To Be Here"

Introduction: The theme of our penance service is "You have a right to be here." This means that you have been called by God to be a person with dignity. He has created you and placed you on this earth. He has blessed others with your presence.

Song: (*Your own selection*)

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First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the LORD came to me thus:

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet
to the nations I appointed you.*

This means that long before you were born, God knew you as a person. Before you were born, He dedicated you; He knew you would have a special mission. As a prophet to your own family and friends, He knew the influence you would have on others. He knew that you would speak as a prophet when you are honest, truthful, and concerned for the Word of God in the lives of others.

*"Ah, LORD GOD,!" I said,
"I know not how to speak; I am too young."*

This is true. You don't know how to speak at times so that you may be understood and appreciated. You are too young, but you have something to offer: Your love, your youth, your hope, your trust, your honesty.

*But the LORD answered me.
Say not, "I am too young."
To whomever I send you, you shall go;
whatever I command you, you shall speak.*

You speak from your experiences. You speak because the LORD gives you what to say. You must speak in His Name. You must speak about what you believe in, what you hope for, what you love.

*"Have no fear before them,
because I am with you to deliver you, says
the LORD."*

Do not be afraid. God who has given you life is and will be with you. He will be present to be your Strength, your Courage, your Hope. He will always be with you.

*Then the LORD extended His hand and touched my mouth,
saying,
See, I place my words in your mouth!*

*This day I set you over nations and over kingdoms.
To root up and to tear down,
to destroy and to demolish,
to build and to plant.*

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This day, your day, is very special, because God calls you to be an example for others -- an example of honesty, openness, true friendship, of patience. You are called to rebuild the hearts of people -- to bring hope, faith and love to those who have given up hope, who have given up their faith and who have forgotten how to love. You are called to root up and to tear down the walls of injustice, rejection, and discrimination. You are called to destroy and to demolish hatred, prejudice, and fear.

You are called to build and to plant care, concern, gentleness, and understanding. You are called to make Christ present and visible for others to see, to love, and to follow. Your mission is to be another Christ; therefore, you have a right to be here.

Song: *(Your own selection)*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 13:4-8*

Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger; neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth. There is not limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure.

Examination of conscience in preparation for confession:
allow sufficient times for reflection on the following questions:

1. Did I love someone who needed to be loved?
2. Did I cheer someone who needed to be cheered?
3. Did I show kindness to someone who felt unwanted?
4. Did I smile with someone who was sad and lonely?
5. Did I praise someone just for being and living?
6. Did I trust someone who needed to be trusted?
7. Did I encourage someone who needed to be encouraged?
8. Did I give hope to someone who was giving up?
9. Did I forgive someone who needed to be forgiven?
10. Was I all that I could have been for someone?

Allow time for private confession and/or group absolution.

Final Song: *(Your own selection)*

QUINCE AÑOS CELEBRATION I

Greeting

(Name), the Church welcomes you, and joins your parents and friends to celebrate with you your 15th birthday, your *quince años*. This celebration should be a thanksgiving for having received life, and an acceptance of the duties life brings with it, when you live it according to love and the commandments of God.

Life means growth, and growth means maturity. A mature person is one who can make decisions and commitments and be faithful to them, even though it may be difficult to carry them out. In this spirit of faith, then, let us place ourselves in the presence of God, and reflect on the need we have of His divine mercy, and let us ask pardon of God for our sins. (Silence).

Penitential Rite

1. Lord, you have created us in your own image, but we have deformed this image by sin; **Lord, have mercy on us.**
2. Christ, you became one of us, in order to share our human nature with all its weaknesses, except sin; **Christ, have mercy on us.**
3. Lord, you send us the Holy Spirit to complete your work of love and reconciliation in us; **Lord, have mercy on us.**

May the almighty Lord have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to eternal life, through His Word and Eucharist. **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Holy Father, we ask you to look kindly on your daughter, (name), here at your altar. She has come to celebrate the life you have given her through the holy union of her parents. Strengthen her in that faith which has brought her here. Through the gifts of your Holy Spirit, guide her way through life, as you guided your favorite daughter, the Virgin Mary; so may this young lady be always pleasing to you and inspire others to know, love and serve you through the Christian life she lives fully. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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I Reading

Ecclesiastes 11:7-9, and 12:1-2 Youth and the fear of God
Judith 13:18-20 Judith, the vallant woman
Isaiah 7:10-14 The virgin will give birth
Jeremiah 1:4-10 Jeremiah is called by God

Responsorial Psalm (or Song)

Psalm 144 What is the son of man that you take notice of him?
Psalm 123 Psalm of hope
Psalm 121 God will not fall you
Psalm 116 God, our refuge

II Reading

Galatians 4:4-7 We are sons and daughters of the same
Father
Galatians 3:27-29 There is no difference between Greek
and Jew, man and woman
Ephesians 1:3-6 God chose us in Christ from before the
creation
I John 4:7-11 God loved us first

Alleluia

Blessed are you, daughter, by the most high God, above all the
women on earth! (Judith, 13:18)

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38 The annunciation
Luke 1:46-55 The Magnificat
Matthew 25: 1-13 Parable of the 10 serving girls
Luke 10:38-42 Martha and Mary

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

(Name), when you were an infant, your parents and godpar-
ents brought you to the waters of baptism to be initiated into the
new life of our Savior, Jesus Christ. At that moment they made a
profession of faith for you and in your name, in the same faith
which now brings you to this altar. Therefore the Catholic
Church now asks you to renew and affirm this same commitment
of faith of your own free will and conviction.

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1. Do you renounce sin so that you may live in the freedom of a daughter of God?

Yes, I do.

2. Do you renounce the attractions of evil, so that sin will not enslave you?

Yes, I do.

3. Do you renounce Satan, father and author of sin?

Yes, I do.

1. Do you believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Yes, I do believe.

2. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered, died and was buried, rose from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Yes, I do believe.

3. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and in eternal life?

Yes, I do believe.

Prayer of Dedication of the Girl

I offer you, O Lord, my youth. Guide my steps, my actions, my thoughts. Grant me the grace to understand your new commandment to love one another, and may your grace not be wasted in me. I ask you this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Redeemer.

Oh Mary, my Mother, present my offering and my life to the Lord; by my model of a valiant woman, my strength and my guide. You have the power to change hearts; take my heart then, and make me a worthy daughter of yours. **Amen.**

Blessing of Gift(s)

(See the other Mass formula)

Prayer of the Faithful

My brothers and sisters, let us call upon God our almighty Father, with confidence, and ask him through Jesus Christ, his Son and our Lord, to pour out the gifts of his living kindness on this young lady and on all of us:

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1. For the holy Church, that she may always be faithful to God, and concerned for the good of all the people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
2. For our sister (name), who has just renewed her baptismal commitment, that on this her 15th birthday, rooted in faith and grounded in love, she may witness to Jesus Christ with her life, **let us ...**
3. For her parents and godparents, who are responsible for her growth in faith, that they may help her follow Christ faithfully, **let us ...**
4. For our bishop (name), for our pastor, and for all who work with them, that they may always be faithful to the grace of their baptism and exercise a fruitful ministry for the good of all, **let us ...**
5. For all the young people, (name's) friends, here present, that their eyes may always be open to what is beautiful, their spirit open to what is true, and their heart to what is good, **let us ...**
6. For all the young people of our community, that by imitating the attitude of Mary, they may hear God's Word, keep it in their heart, and live it generously, **let us ...**

Heavenly Father, hear with love the prayers of your family, because we place our trust in you; help us so that we may be freed from all evil and enriched with all blessings. We ask you this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Holy Father, we place the gifts of bread and wine on the altar; they are the offerings which you ask of us for the eucharistic sacrifice. We offer them to you with the firm hope that your Holy Spirit will transform them into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ your beloved Son. Together with them we present this young lady, your creation; may the offering she had made to you of her youth be pleasing to you and earn for her a continual growth in faith and love, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Invitation to the Our Father

With (name), let us pray now to the Father as Jesus taught us.

Greeting of Peace

Now (name) will give the greeting, the abrazo of peace, to her parents, her godparents and her friends. We share in her joy as we give the greeting to one another.

Prayer After Communion

Lord, faithful to your command, we have just shared joyfully in this Eucharistic banquet. It is the sign of our unity with you and with all our brothers and sisters. Now as we leave your temple to celebrate another banquet, we ask you and your holy Mother to accompany us in this fiesta, as you attended the wedding feast in Cana. Keep us strong in faith, full of hope in your grace and united in true love. We ask you this, who live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessing

1. May God, who in his loving providence wishes to save all the human race through his Son who was born of the Blessed Virgin, fill you with blessings. **Amen.**
2. May he grant you always the protection of the Virgin Mary, through whom you have received the Author of life. **Amen.**
3. And to all of you gathered here today to celebrate (name's) 15th birthday, may the Lord give you the joy of his Spirit and the blessings of his kingdom. **Amen.**
4. And the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, descend upon you and stay with you. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go with God, and love one another as the Lord has loved us.
Thanks be to God.

QUINCE AÑOS CELEBRATION II

Greeting

The love of God our Father, source of all life, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave his life that we might live, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, the Consoler and Sanctifier, be with you, (name), and with all of you.

We welcome you, (name), to this celebration, so that the whole community may share in the YES which your parents and godparents pronounced for you in your baptism, and which you now express and affirm yourself -- YES to that life you received through the love of your father and mother, and to the new life you have through baptism in Christ.

Penitential Rite

1. For saying no to life, for responding at times in a negative way to God's call; **Lord, have mercy on us.**
2. For failing to reach out to others, and being closed within our shell of false security; **Christ, have mercy on us.**
3. For losing opportunities to make our world a little better; **Lord, have mercy on us.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Prayer

Lord, look upon your daughter (name), who has come to renew her baptismal commitment, to declare her intention to be a disciple of your Son; help her and all of us to grow in that generous and joyful imitation of him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

I Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Isaiah 7:10-14

Ecclesiastes 11:7-9, 12:1-2

Judith 13:18-20

Jeremiah is called by God

The Virgin shall give birth

Youth and fear of God

Judith, the valiant woman

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Responsorial Psalm (or Song)

Psalm 123 Psalm of hope

Psalm 121 God will not fail you

Psalm 144 What is the son of man that you take notice of him?

Psalm 116 God, our refuge

II Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6

God chose us in Christ before
the creation

Galatians 4:4-7

We are sons and daughters of
the same Father

Galatians 3:27-29

There is no difference between
Greek and Jew, man
and woman

I John 4:7-11

God loved us first

Alleluia

Blessed are you, daughter, by the most high God, above all the
women on earth! (*Judith 13:18*)

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

The annunciation

Luke 1:46-55

The Magnificat

Matthew 25:1-13

Parable of the 10 serving girls

Luke 10:38-42

Martha and Mary

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

The godparents give their witness:

1. Has (name) tried to serve Christ faithfully?

Yes.

2. Has she shown love and compassion to others?

Yes.

3. Has she given the example of a Christian life?

Yes.

(They give her baptismal certificate to the priest, who lays it on
the altar)

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The parents give their witness:

1. Has (name) been faithful in helping in the family?
Yes.
2. Has she given good example of Christian life in your home?
Yes.
3. Does she try to worship God in the mass, the sacraments and in his Word?
Yes.

(They give the confirmation certificate to the priest)

The girl gives her own witness:

1. Do you choose Jesus Christ as your Savior?
Yes.
2. Will you follow Christ all your life?
Yes.
3. Do you want to present your name to this Christian community in order to live the Christian life fully?
Yes, with the help of the Lord.

(Name), you have asked to dedicate yourself to Christ in the presence of this Christian community. If the community accepts you, I ask that all signify this by a strong applause. The community has indicated that your life makes you worthy to be a member. Receive the Gospel, the Good News of Christ. (He hands her a New Testament). It will show you the path for your life. Study it, and make it your favorite reading.

(The rest of the renewal service will be found in the first formula of celebration)

Prayer of Dedication of the Girl

Thank you Lord, for calling me to be, to live, to be an image and likeness of you; thank you for sending your Son to save me, your Holy Spirit to make me holy; to all your goodness and love, I wish to say yes, and with your help I will dedicate myself more and more generously to serve you in my brothers and sisters.

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I also dedicate myself to you, Mary, Mother of Jesus; you who were so close to him, are my model of faith. From you, may I continually learn what it is to be a woman and a Christian. Help me to hear the Word of God as you did, to keep it in my heart, and to live it in unselfish service. **Amen.**

(A hymn to Mary may be sung)

Blessing of Gift(s)

+ Bless, O Lord, this Bible, rosary, cross, medal, etc., which we bless in your name; may it be a source of joy for (name) on her pilgrimage to you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Faithful

Father, with (name), on this celebration of her 15th birthday, we offer you our sincere prayers:

1. For (name) our Pope, and (name) our Bishop, that their pastoral love and concern for all may be reflected in our concern and ministry to one another.
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy.
2. For the Church, the people of God, that we may not forget that we are all pilgrims, and not be caught up in the material things of our consumer society.
Hear, O Lord ...
3. For all our brothers and sisters who in poverty, hunger and oppression cannot celebrate as we celebrate today, that they may not lose hope.
Hear ...
4. For (name), who is celebrating her 15th birthday here before you, that she may continue to grow in grace and love.
Hear ...
5. For her parents, that you will bless them for all the sacrifices and loving care they have given their daughter.
Hear ...
6. For her friends and relatives, who stand with her, that they may be blessed for the strength, love and friendship they have shown.
Hear ...

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Father, we offer you all these prayers in the name of Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Father, from your gifts to us, we have set aside this bread and wine to offer to you, and from your people we have chosen this young lady (name), to dedicate her youth to you; transform her life as you will transform these gifts into the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Invitation to the Our Father

When (name) was baptized, her parents and godparents prayed the Our Father. Now we all pray with her:

Our Father ...

Greeting of Peace

Now (name) will give the abrazo and kiss of peace to her parents, godparents, and friends; we accompany her in her joy by exchanging the greeting with one another.

Prayer After Communion

Father, we have received the Body and Blood of your Son once again; may (name) and all of us go forth now with new strength to continue celebrating the life we have in you, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing (*Num 6:24-26*)

1. (Name), may the Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**
2. May his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. **Amen.**
3. May he look upon you with kindness, and give you his peace. **Amen.**
4. And may almighty God bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace and joy in the Lord, to love and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters. **Thanks be to God.**

SAMPLE HOMILY FOR THE 'QUINCE AÑOS'

Readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Ephesians 1:3-6

Luke 1:26-28

Today we celebrate life, particularly the life which God gave to (name) 15 years ago, in the mystery of His love: "God chose us in Christ before the world began, to be holy and blameless in His sight, to be full of love; He likewise predestined us through Jesus Christ to be His adopted sons -- such was His will and pleasure -- that all might praise the glorious favor He bestowed on us in His beloved." (Eph. 1:4-6) We are celebrating this selection which today (name) embraces freely and wishes to follow. She could say with Jeremiah: "Ah, Lord God, I know not how to speak; I am too young," but at the same time, with hope and confidence, she answers like her model of faith, the Blessed Virgin Mary: "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say."

We celebrate the love of (name's) parents, who gave her life and have been her first teachers, giving her the Christian teaching which has brought her here, and we give thanks because she has accepted this teaching through example and word, and because today in the presence of this Christian community she herself is going to testify that she chooses Christ, chooses to be a disciple of this community to continue growing and maturing in this Christian life. May she develop from day to day as a woman and as Christian, and in whatever vocation she may follow, in marriage, in religious life, or as a single woman, may she always give a joyous and courageous witness to the Good News of Christ, in whom we have salvation and liberation.

SOY FELIZ

1. Quisiera tener en mis ojos,
la luz de tu mirada.
Quisiera tener en mis manos,
tu mano para guiar.

SOY FELIZ, SEÑOR, SOY FELIZ
PORQUE TU, SEÑOR, VAS CONMIGO
VAMOS LADO A LADO CON AMOR,
ERES TU MI MEJOR COMPAÑERO.

2. Que tu mensaje divino,
de luz me inunde ya,
para llevarle a todo el mundo
la alegría y la verdad.

SOY FELIZ, SEÑOR, SOY FELIZ
PORQUE TU, SEÑOR, VAS CONMIGO
VAMOS LADO A LADO CON AMOR,
ERES TU MI MEJOR COMPAÑERO.

LAS MAÑANITAS

Estas son las Mañanitas
que cantaba en Rey David
hoy por ser día de tu Fiesta,
te las cantamos a tí.

Despierta mi bien despierta,
Mira que ya amaneció,
Ya los pajaritos cantan
La luna ya se metió.

Que linda está la mañana
En que vengo a saludarte.
Venimos todos reunidos
Con gusto a felicitarte.

El día en que tú naciste
Nacieron todas las flores.
Y en la pila del bautismo
Cantaron los ruiseñores.

YA VIENE AMANECIENDO
YA LA LUNA SE OCULTO.
LEVANTATE, DE MAÑANA,
MIRA QUE YA AMENECIO.

Quisiera ser un San Juan
Quisiera ser un San Pedro
Pa' venir a saludarte
con la música del cielo.

De las estrellas del cielo
Tengo que bajarte dos.
Una parte saludarte
Y otra pa' decirte adiós.

CANTANDO, CANTANDO

A lo largo de todo mi camino
voy cantando, cantando sin cesar
es tan alto y tan bello mi destino
que en la ruta solo puedo cantar.

CANTANDO, CANTANDO, CANTANDO
EN LA RUTA SE ALEGRA EL CORAZON
CANTANDO, CANTANDO, CANTANDO
LA VIDA SE CONVIERTE EN CANCION.

1. No me importa que se pasen los días,
que la vida sea un soplo fugaz
mi camino sube hasta las estrellas
y hasta ellas cantando he de llegar.

2. No hay tristezas, ni llantos, ni pesares
ni desgracias, ni penas, ni dolor
solo existe el cantar de la alegría,
que cantando se camina mejor.

CANCION DEL TESTIGO

POR TI, MI DIOS, CANTANDO VOY, LA
ALEGRIA DE SER TU TESTIGO, SEÑOR

1. Me mandas que cante con toda mi voz,
no sé cómo cantar tu mensaje de amor,
los hombres me preguntan cuál es mi misión,
les digo: Tu testigo soy.
2. Es fuego tu Palabra que mi boca quemó,
mis labios ya son llamas y cenizas mi voz;
da miedo proclamarte, pero Tú me dices:
No temas, contigo estoy.
3. Tu palabra es una carga que mi espalda
dobló, es brasa tu mensaje que mi lengua
secó, déjate quemar si quieres alumbrar,
no temas, contigo estoy.

YO TE AMO MUCHO

1. Yo te amo mucho

Yo me entrego a Ti
OH MI DIOS, CREADOR
DE LA VIDA, TE AGRADEZCO
ESTE DIA, QUE FORMASTE
PARA MI.

2. Tu siempre fuiste fiel

Yo siempre te adoré.
OH MI DIÓS, TU ME DISTE
LA VIDA, LA LLENASTE DE
ALEGRIA, REGOCIJO Y DE
AMOR.

AMAR

1. Amar es entregarse
olvidándose de sí
buscando lo que a otro
pueda hacer feliz.

QUE LINDO ES VIVIR PARA AMAR
QUE GRANDE ES TENER PARA DAR.
DAR ALEGRIA, FELICIDAD
DARSE UNO MISMO, ESO ES AMAR.

2. Amar como a sí mismo
Entregarse a los demás.
Así no habrá egoísmos
Que no pueda superar.

SANTA MARIA DEL CAMINO

1. Mientras recorres la vida
tú nunca solo estás,
contigo por el camino
Santa María va.

VEN CON NOSOTROS AL CAMINAR
SANTA MARIA, VEN. (Se repite)

2. Aunque te digan algunos
que nada puede cambiar
lucha por un mundo nuevo,
lucha por la verdad.
3. Si por el mundo los hombres
sin conocerse van,
no niegues nunca tu mano
al que contigo está.
4. Aunque parezcan tus pasos
inútil caminar,
tú vas haciendo caminos,
otros los seguirán.