

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
AT A QUINCEAÑERA**

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; be 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.**



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**ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC  
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*A Community of Faith since 1838*

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*St. Patrick Catholic Church located at 710 W. Marion Street is the oldest Catholic Church in Northern Illinois. Established in 1838, St. Patrick's has a long history in the city of Joliet. We moved to our present location in 1919 from the Broadway/Hickory Street 'campus'. The current church seats approximately 300 people comfortably.*

### SCHEDULE OF A QUINCEAÑERA

The *quinceañera* is a traditional celebration of life and gratitude to God on the occasion of the fifteenth birthday of a young Hispanic woman. The ritual emphasizes her passage from childhood to an adult person of the faith. The family usually requests a Mass or a blessing to be held in the Church.

The parents see the *quince años* Mass as a way to thank God for the blessing of their daughter's life and to seek God's blessing and guidance as she celebrates her adult life of faith. The extended family, (grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles and cousins) is usually present, to celebrate with the *quinceañera*. *Los Padrinos*, who serve as godparents or sponsors of the day, may bring the religious articles forward to be blessed and presented to the *quinceañera*.

*Catholic young women may celebrate a Quinceañera Mass here at St. Patrick's on Saturdays at either 12 noon or 2:00 pm. Friday Mass times are also available; please check with the parish office manager for schedule availability.*

### PLEASE NOTE...

The family and the young lady must meet with our pastor, Fr. Pete to discuss the Mass.

The fee for the use of the church is as follows:

- St. Patrick parishioners: \$200
- Non-parishioners: \$400

Several musicians routinely provide music for any special Mass. The names and phone numbers are available from the church office. Outside musicians of the family's preference are welcome .

Should you have additional questions on the use of our beautiful church, or would like a tour, please contact Fr. Pete in the Parish Office at (815) 727-4746.



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