

## Diocese of San Diego

### Celebrations of the Eucharist & Quinceañeras

Given the shortage of priests and the increasing demands for priestly ministry, it follows:

- that celebrations of the Eucharist on Sundays and weekdays which are not necessary should not be scheduled;
- that celebrations of the Eucharist should be avoided in special liturgies which do not require a Mass.

#### Sunday Eucharist

1. Pastors are encouraged to evaluate their Sunday Mass schedules and to consolidate Masses where possible.
2. Masses should not be scheduled only for convenience.

**With the exception of the first Mass on Sunday morning, pastors are encouraged not to schedule Sunday Masses unless those attending will regularly fill more than half of the church.**

3. Priests who have no more than one Mass on Sunday, especially priests who speak Spanish, should make themselves available to pastors with many Masses.
4. Pastors who have no more than two scheduled parish Masses on Sunday should allow available supply priests to assist pastors with many Masses.

#### Weekday Eucharist

1. In order to allow for special liturgies such as weddings and funerals which may require a Mass, pastors should avoid scheduling too many daily Masses on weekdays, especially on Saturday.
2. Because most parishes have Saturday evening Masses, pastors in a given area should determine specific parishes in which a Saturday morning Mass will be made available so that all parishes will not have to do so.

#### Quinceañeras

1. Insofar as possible, quinceañeras should be celebrated for a group rather than for an individual, in which case the celebrations might take place within a Mass.
2. It is recommended that quinceañera celebrations for an individual take place within a Mass only if the Mass is a regularly scheduled weekday or Sunday parish liturgy; otherwise, it is recommended that they take place within a Liturgy of the Word.