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Memo

To: All Deacons
From: James Cavanagh, Director of Worship
Uli Schmitt, Director of Clergy Formation
Date: November 19, 2018
Re: Quinceañeras & Holy Communion

We wish to remind all deacons of the policy regarding the administration of Holy Communion outside of Mass, particularly with respect to Quinceañeras.

There are two forms of the Quinceañera: (1) within Mass and (2) outside of Mass. When a Quinceañera is celebrated *outside of Mass*, administering Holy Communion from the tabernacle is *not permitted*. This not only applies to Quinceañeras, but to any liturgical celebration outside of Mass where a deacon might preside, with the exception of Communion of the sick, (i.e. weddings, celebration of the word, funerals).

We hope that clarifies things for those who may not be aware.

Yours in Christ,

James Cavanagh, Director of Worship

Uli Schmitt, Director of Clergy Formation