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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Quince Años Documentation
Date:	1985-2000
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1163
Creator:	Erevia, Angela (Sister)
Extent:	0.3 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	Collection is in English. Some materials in the collection are in Spanish.
Summary:	The Quince Años Documentation is a collection of liturgical publications, handbooks, and audiovisual materials created by Sister Angela Erevia, Missionary of Catechists of Divine Providence and Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Dodge City, Kansas. The materials were formulated in order to be shared with the surrounding Catholic community and used as preparatory tools for youth, their families, and religious staff who would be partaking in the Quince Años celebration.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated to the Archives Center by Sister Angela Erevia in 2009.

Separated Materials

Natalia Flores donated artifacts to the Division of Home and Community Life (now Division of Cultural and Community Life) in 2009. See accession #: 2009.0169.001 (Quinceañera dress worn by Natalia Flores); 2009.0169.002 (Quinceañera shoes worn with the dress); 2009.0169.003 (tiara worn with the Quinceañera dress); and 2009.0169.004 (bouquet (not flowers or dried) carried with the dress).

Processing Information

Collection processed by María Daniela Jiménez, LMSP Fellow, Summer 2017, under the direct supervision of Alison Oswald.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Historical Note

The celebration of Quince Años is a social, coming-of-age event that is held when US Latino and Latin American youth (usually young women) turn fifteen years old to celebrate their societal debut into adulthood. Quince Años are celebrated throughout Latin America and in parts of the United States. Young women celebrating their Quince Años are referred to as quinceañeras, while young men are called quinceañeros. While Quince Años celebrations are not meant to be religious, families of Catholic quinceañeras and quinceañeros who wished to center their Catholic faith as part of the celebration have worked with religious staff to incorporate Catholic elements and practices. Sister Angela Erevia, part of the Missionary Catechists of Divine Providence and current Director of Hispanic Ministry through the Diocese of Dodge City, developed pamphlets and videos to help quinceañera and quinceañero youth, their families, and religious staff prepare for the religious part of the Quince Años celebration.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of liturgical materials, audiovisual aids, and hymnals developed by Sister Angela Erevia, MCDP, intended for use during the religious observance portion of the Quince Años (fifteenth birthday) celebration. The handbooks and booklets included in the collection are intended to prepare quinceañera/quinceañero youth, their families, and religious staff for the Quince Años celebration while also centering the Catholic faith.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series. Materials are arranged topically.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Catholic Church -- Liturgy
- Catholicism
- Latinos in American society and culture
- Quinceañera (Social custom)

Types of Materials:

- Compact discs
- Hymnals
- Hymns
- Liturgical texts
- Videocassettes

Names:

- Catholic Church

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	"Para Ti...Nuestro Pueblo/For You...Our People", undated 1 Electronic discs (CD)
Box 1, Folder 2	"Quince Años: The Gift of Life, La Familia de Dios, La Fiesta" , 1996 - 1996 1 Electronic discs (CD)
Box 1, Folder 3	"Quince Años: The Gift of Life, La Familia de Dios, La Fiesta" , 1996 - 1996 1 Videocassettes (VHS) (Total Running Time: 12:00)
Box 1, Folder 4	"Para Tí, Nuestro Pueblo/For You, Our People" booklet, undated
Box 1, Folder 5	"Un Recuerdo de Mis Quince Años/A Remembrance of My Quince Años" booklet, 1995 - 1995
Box 1, Folder 6	"Quince Años: Celebrating a Tradition", A Handbook for Parish Teams, 1996-07 - 1996-07
Box 1, Folder 7	"Quince Años: Celebrating la vida/Celebrating Life", 2000 - 2000
Box 1, Folder 8	"Quince Años: Celebrando un tradición/Celebrating a Tradition" handbook, 1985 - 1985