

Rite of Election – Catechist information

Please prepare your Catechumens/Candidates before the Rite of Election. We will not practice at the Cathedral. Please review ahead of time and be prepared.

Please pick up name tags and a worship aid when you arrive at the Cathedral.

CATECHUMENS practice at their parishes, before

- 1) Have a worship aid in hand
- 2) Be seated beginning in front pews, godparent next to catechumen at aisle.
- 3) When Catechist calls your NAME, you come forward with your godparent
- 4) All move to the foot of the altar – no particular order; the MC will guide.
- 5) Bishop asks godparents questions, they respond
- 6) Bishop asks catechumens questions, they respond
- 7) After he says, “Then offer your names for enrollment”,
- 8) Walk forward, catechist announces catechumen’s name (USE MIC), catechumen signs book, returns to the front steps facing the Bishop.
- 9) Bishop renames you, “Elect” for the sacraments of initiation
- 10) Bishop speaks, and then he greets the elect.
- 11) After you are greeted, go to the pew and be seated. It will not matter if you are sitting in a new place.

CANDIDATES practice at their parishes, before:

- 1) Have a worship aid in hand.
- 2) After the catechumens have been greeted by The Bishop, we begin the Call to Continuing Conversion for candidates.
- 3) Catechist calls NAME, you STAND and MOVE forward around the sanctuary, accompanied by your sponsor. There is no pause between names so stand and move to the steps immediately. There may be several candidates. CANDIDATES stand at the step with their sponsor behind them. (Bring your worship aid up with you so you know the questions/responses.)
- 4) Bishop questions sponsors
- 5) Proclamation of recognition, and applause.
- 6) Bishop will come to each candidate and greet them. Shake hands, then immediately return to places. It will not matter to the liturgy that you might be in a new place or pew.