



DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG
THE RITE OF ELECTION

2010

THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION
DIRECTIONS FOR PARISH COORDINATORS

Sunday, February 21, 2010 • 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Saint Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg

1. A ***Celebration of Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop*** should take place at the parish. This is found in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* and should be celebrated the first Sunday of Lent (February 21, 2010). The combined rite is found in Appendix I #2; the Rite of Sending Catechumens only is found in Part I #106; the Rite for Sending Candidates only is found in Part II #4B.
2. Bring with you your parish “Book of the Elect” in which the unbaptized will have recorded their names at the Parish Rite of Sending. Please note the “Book of the Elect” should only be signed by the unbaptized.
3. Check-in will be in the lower level of the Cathedral at least 45 minutes prior to each ceremony. Please enter through the side entrance (left side of the Cathedral). The list of the catechumens and candidates you registered as well as nametags will be given to you at this time.
4. Pews will be reserved for those catechumens, candidates and sponsors attending from your parish. Two places will be reserved for each name submitted (the sponsor is expected to sit next to the catechumen or candidate) as well as a place for the parish coordinator and the Pastor. Family members or guests will sit in the remaining seats located throughout the Cathedral.
5. During the **Rite of Election** part of the ceremony, RCIA parish coordinators will be invited to come forward for the presentation of the catechumens (those preparing for baptism). Come forward to the microphone (on the side of the Cathedral your group is seated) with your “Book of the Elect” and call the names by saying:

“Parish, City presents the following catechumens:

6. The catechumens and their godparents will stand and remain in the pews as their names are called. After you read the names, you will line up along the front near the sanctuary – please follow the usher’s instructions. The Diocesan Administrator will then address the godparents, assembly, and catechumens. After he says, “Then offer your names for enrollment,” one by one each parish coordinator will proceed to the Bishop for the signing of the “Book of Elect.” After the book is signed, line up along the altar rail of the sanctuary. Please follow the ushers’ instructions.

7. You will remain along the altar rail during the singing of the acclamation. At the ushers direction, return to your places with your book (unless you will also be presenting candidates for Reception into Full Communion, in which case you will simply return to the side by the microphone).
8. During **Celebration of The Call to Continuing Conversion** part of the ceremony, parish RCIA coordinators will be invited to come to the microphone to call the names of the baptized candidates, saying:

Parish, City presents the following candidates:
9. The candidates and their sponsors will stand and remain in the pews as their names are called.
10. Please return to your places after giving the names. The ceremony will then continue.
11. Registrations are due no later than **February 5, 2010**. Registrations will not be taken over the phone.



SNOW CANCELLATION

In the event of inclement weather, please tune into WGAL 8, WHP 21, WHTM 27, FOX 43, or WNEP 16 for a cancellation notice. In addition, Parish RCIA Coordinators will be called by a Diocesan RCIA Committee member and will then be responsible for contacting their candidates and catechumens. You may also check our diocesan webpage at www.hbgdiocese.org.

Thank you!

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