

MEMORANDUM

Office for Divine Worship
Diocese of Columbus

To: RCIA Leaders, Diocesan Clergy
From: Michelle Lemiesz, M.Div., Director
Date: January 29, 2021
Subject: Call to Continuing Conversion, RCIA Rite/Rituals during Pandemic

You will find attached copies of the following: the rite for the Call to Continuing Conversion in both English and Spanish, and a page dedicated to helping parishes plan for the minor rite and rituals of the RCIA process. I hope these will be helpful to you in your planning these events.

The rites for the “Call” can be printed as is from the attachment and placed in a binder for your convenience. It may also be found in the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* on page 285. You will note the one in the book is slightly different because it is placed in the context of a Mass. If you decide on doing the rite during Mass, it will start with the presentation of the candidates on the attached ceremonials. Please note that it is just as appropriate to do this rite within a Liturgy of the Word, at this particular time, it may be more prudent due to covid-19 considerations.

Remember, the “Call” takes place during the Second Week of Lent. It can be done Sunday or during the week. It is highly suggested that the pastor of the parish preside over this liturgy if possible.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or concerns. RCIA leaders, please communicate this information to your pastors and other appropriate pastoral staff.

Thank you for your creativity during these challenging days as we all seek to maintain the sacredness and integrity of the Church’s liturgical celebrations, while being prudent due to the pandemic.

