



OFFICE OF WORSHIP
REV. ANDREW J. GALLES, DIRECTOR

To: RCIA Coordinators (Priests, Deacons, Religious or Laity)

Re: 2020 Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

The following is information concerning the Rite of Election.

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion
Sunday, March 1, 2020

2:00 p.m.

Saint Mary Church
3rd and Seneca Sts.
Storm Lake, Iowa

6:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Epiphany
1000 Douglas St.
Sioux City, Iowa

1. This information is being sent to those listed as Coordinators of Adult and/or Children's Initiation on file at the Chancery Office. Where no Coordinator is listed, it is being sent to the pastor of the parish.
2. **Please fill out the Rite of Election form attached and submit no later than Friday, February 20, 2020. If you would like to submit your information on-line, please click [here](#), download the form, save on your computer, complete it and send it to our office via email to Grace Zavala, gracez@scdiocese.org or fax; 712-233-7557. Please indicate the correct pronunciation of the names that you list.**
3. Seats will not be assigned. Please find places for your group in the Church.
4. Catechumens called forth for election will sign a Book of the Elect as they enter the sanctuary. This is a diocesan book, and does not replace the parish Book of the Elect that you may be using.
5. Presentation of catechumens and candidates for full initiation:
 - Fred Shellabarger, Assistant Director of New Evangelization, Catechesis and Family Life, will present the catechumens and candidates to the Bishop.
 - Please have with you a list of the catechumens and candidates to be presented from your parish to confirm it with the master list prior to the ceremony.

6. Each catechumen needs to have a godparent (or proxy) present and each candidate must have a sponsor (or proxy). Family, friends and other interested people from your parish are also encouraged to attend.
7. Remind catechumens and candidates that this is a formal occasion, and they should dress up appropriately. Please ask them not to chew gum and silence their cell phones.
8. Some of you may have baptized Catholics who are seeking Confirmation that are participating in your RCIA program. They should not be called forward in this liturgy. While you will want to invite them to this liturgy to support their companions, the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion is intended for those who have not yet been baptized and those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church from another Christian denomination.
9. If two or more parishes participate together in the adult initiation process and wish both parishes to be presented at the same time, this can be done if you indicate your desire for this on the return sheet.
10. Since the enrollment of names, election, and call to continuing conversion take place at the diocesan celebration, the Rite of Sending is the appropriate liturgy for celebration prior to the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. There are several variations of this rite in the ritual book, these can also be obtained by contacting the Office of Worship:
 - ❖ **If you are sending both catechumens and candidates:**
See RCIA, numbers 530 and following: *Parish Celebration for Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop.*
 - ❖ **If you are sending only candidates (no catechumens):**
See RCIA, numbers 434 and following: *Rite of Sending the Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop and for the Call to Continuing Conversion.*
 - ❖ **If you are sending only catechumens (no candidates):**
See RCIA, number 106 and following: *Sending of the Catechumens for Election*

If we can provide additional information or assistance, or you become aware of any last minute changes to your list of catechumens and candidates please contact the Office of Worship at telephone number (712) 233-7551 and also send your names **via email** so that we have the correct spellings for The Catholic Globe.

The Catholic Globe will be publishing an article with the names of those who participated in the Rite of Election. Therefore, we need to have an accurate list of the parish name and town, the name of everyone being presented, and whether he/she is a candidate or a catechumen. Please submit this information with your return sheet.