

MEMO



Date: January 16, 2021

To: Pastors and RCIA directors

From: Diocesan Liturgical Commission: RCIA Steering Committee
Mary H. Reyes - Chairperson

Re: RITE OF ELECTION

- ✚ Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the number of those in attendance for the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be limited. All current Covid-19 guidelines (masks, physical distancing, etc.) must be followed.
- ✚ *Catechumens* (unbaptized), their godparents, *Candidates* (already baptized in another faith tradition who are preparing to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church) their sponsor, RCIA director, pastor, and two guests from each person being received will be allowed from each parish. **Please note: Adult Catholics preparing for the sacrament of confirmation are not to be invited to this liturgy.**
- ✚ The Rite of Election is scheduled for **Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 2:00 PM** at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory in Victoria. During this formal ritual, *His Excellency*, the Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill will elect those catechumens to be baptized and those candidates to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church this Easter.
- ✚ We ask that the pastor or the RCIA director complete and return the Rite of Election registration form no later than **Friday, February 5, 2021**, indicating the **number of catechumens** and **candidates to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church.**
- ✚ Please bring the ***Book of Elect or Parchment***, which should be signed beforehand by the catechumens, as it will be presented to Bishop Cahill for his signature at the Rite of Election.
- ✚ For questions or more information on the Rite of Election please contact Mary H. Reyes at 361-482-9932 or m.reyes0707@yahoo.com or Christella Alvarez at 361-827-7171 or calvarez@victoriadiocese.org.