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TO: Clergy and RCIA Coordinators
FROM: Father Gary Janak
RE: Rite of Election 2021
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Due to the pandemic, and the need to continue exercising established CDC protocols, Bishop Cahill has delegated pastors, parochial vicars and/or parish administrators to preside at the *Rite of Election* in their particular parishes.

To assist you with your parish preparation, included with this memorandum is an attachment, in English and Spanish, of the Election or Enrollment of Names ritual for use in your parish, within or outside of Mass.

A few points to consider...

- Omit the optional *Rite of Sending of the Catechumens for Election*, since the *Rite of Election* will occur this year in each local parish.
- *The Rite of Election* is celebrated on the First Weekend of Lent, utilizing the Scripture readings of the day.
- The catechumens may inscribe their names in the Book of the Elect or this may be done for them. The Candidates for Full Communion do not inscribe their names into the Book of the Elect.
- The Intercessions for the Elect may be combined with the universal prayers of the community, when the rite is celebrated within Mass.
- The form soliciting information on the number of candidates and catechumens from each parish in the diocese, which has already been emailed to the parishes, is to be completed and returned to Mary Reyes or the Office of Catechetical Ministry.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, as we continue to make adaptations in light of this pandemic.