Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion
Information and Registration Form

On the First Sunday of Lent, Bishop McManus will celebrate the Rite of Election and Call to
Continuing Conversion for the catechumens and candidates of our diocesan parishes who expect to
be initiated into the Church this Easter.

The rite will be celebrated within a Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, March 1, 2020
at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul. The Eucharist will not be celebrated.

Submit registrations ONLINE now through FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The following have active roles in the rite:

- **Catechumens** – MANDATORY! Catechumens must be elected.
  - unbaptized persons who will be fully initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil

- **Godparents/Sponsors**
  - persons who will support and guide catechumens and candidates through the
    March 1st rite and during the rest of their formation

- **Candidates** – not mandatory for these previously baptized candidates
  - baptized Catholic adults who are preparing for confirmation and eucharist
  - baptized non-catholics who will be welcomed into the full communion of the Church

ALSO

- Family, friends, parish staff members and parishioners are welcome to attend and support
  catechumens and candidates by their prayerful participation in the rites.

- Parish priests and other clergy are welcome to vest in alb and purple stole. Vesting will
  be on the lower level of the Cathedral.

N.B. Reserved seating will be provided for catechumens, candidates, godparent or sponsor and one
team member. Family members and other guests may sit anywhere in the church not
designated as reserved. Parishes presenting children will be seated in the front.

This rite is NOT for baptized children under 18 who will be just celebrating First
Communion.

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SPECIAL PREPARATIONS

AT THE PARISH

A parish **Rite of Sending** may be celebrated in your parish at some convenient time prior to the Cathedral rite on March 1st. If you are sending **catechumens only**, use the rite found in the RCIA ritual at paragraphs 106 through 117. If you are sending **only candidates** (previously baptized Catholics and non-catholics), use the rite found in the RCIA ritual at paragraphs 438 through 445. If you are sending a mixed group of **catechumens and candidates**, use the rite found in the RCIA ritual at paragraphs 530 through 546.

AT THE CATHEDRAL

**Families** -- Family members would be well advised to make arrangements for the care of their infants and small children. Unfortunately, the Cathedral lacks appropriate facilities for them.

**Rest Rooms and Handicap Entrance** -- Located on the lower level of the Cathedral. The handicap entrance may be accessed from Chatham St. (lower level). An elevator is located inside this side entrance to the Cathedral.

**Parking**
- Cathedral Parking Lot
- Federal Plaza Garage, located at 570 Main St. behind the Cathedral
- On-street parking on Chatham and High Streets is permitted
- Please do not park in the Center for Performing Arts' lot across from the Cathedral's main entrance or in any other lots that are restricted.

**Online Registration**

Website: worcesterdiocese.org/religious-education
CLICK on RCIA
CLICK on **Rite of Election Registration Form**
Enter password: 49elect
ENTER **information for all candidates**
When complete, CLICK on **SUBMIT**

1. **Contact Person** -- This person may be contacted before the Rite of Election for guidance on pronunciation of names. Please include phone number and email address.

2. **Please give full legal name** as it will appear in sacramental register.

3. The diocese is frequently asked for more precise information on those celebrating this Rite e.g., how many candidates for full communion (baptized non-catholics), how many candidates who are Catholics completing their initiation, how many children, etc. This registration form is our only source of such information. Please attend to all the information requested. **Please CHECK ONLY ONE of the following columns for each person: Catechumen OR Candidate for Full Communion OR Candidate/Baptized Catholic.**

**ANY QUESTIONS** regarding the ceremony or registration form,
call the Office of Religious Education: (508) 929-4303 or tromeo@worcesterdiocese.org
Diocese of Worcester--Office of Religious Education

Online Rite of Election (March 1, 2020) Registration Procedures

1. Go to our website: worcesterdiocese.org/religious-education. Go to left-side column--click on RCIA. Below that--click on Rite of Election Registration Form. Enter password: 49elect Then click on “SUBMIT.”

2. Fill out your parish city, parish name, contact name, contact phone, contact email and any optional comments you might want to make.

3. Enter the number of candidates’ names to be registered. If you have 4 candidates, enter the number 4. Enter the information for each candidate. When completed, click on “SUBMIT” at the bottom of the form. Note: this form allows you to enter a maximum of 20 names at a time. Example: If you have 35 names, click on the number 20. Enter information for first 20 candidates. Click on “SUBMIT.” Reload the form—click on 15—enter the remaining 15 candidates then click on “SUBMIT”.

4. While it may be easier to enter all candidates’ names at the same time, it is not necessary to do that. You can always enter names at any time before the cut-off date.

5. Once you have registered candidates, we will download that information into our database. The information will be merged with a registration form which we will print and maintain in our office.

6. A pdf of all the registration forms will be created and emailed back to you. You can then print copies as needed. Please note---if you register candidates and do not receive a form by email within 7 days, please contact our office.

7. We will proofread all forms for accuracy and will contact you if we have any questions regarding the information you have entered. If we have any questions or possible corrections, we will verify the information with the person who entered it. While we review these forms for correct information, please keep in mind that the ultimate responsibility for accuracy rests with the parish contact representative.

8. If you have submitted a registration and you need to make a change, i.e., candidate name, sponsor, etc., do not make that correction online. Call our office or send us an email with the updated information. We will then make the changes, reprint the form, and email a copy to you.

9. Registration deadline is February 14th. If you have any last-minute additions, do not use the online form after this date. Please contact our office and we will assist you.

10. We will only accept registrations sent from the designated parish contact representative. Please refrain from having candidates register on their own. Registrations received from unknown individuals will not be processed.

January 8, 2020
REGISTER ONLINE—INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:
Website: worcesterdiocese.org/religious-education. Click on RCIA. Click on Rite of Election Registration Form. Enter password: 49elect
Enter information for all candidates. When complete, Click on SUBMIT

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*** In case of cancellations or other emergency, we need a phone number where we can reach you on the weekend.

Use this form to gather information for you candidates and register online as instructed above.