

Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion

Dioceses of Kansas City-St. Joseph 2022

Preparations

Please prepare your **parish name tags for all catechumens, candidates, RCIA directors and team members** who will be in the procession. Number the name tags so candidates and catechumens can line themselves up properly for the procession. (This is especially helpful for large group.)

Bring two copies of the names of the catechumens and candidates printed on two full-size sheets of paper in the order in which they are in procession.

Arrival

Give one copy of the names to Lorie Sage-Coordinator who will be at the registration table as you enter the Cathedral. The first copy will be for record keeping and the **second copy will be for yourself to read the names.**

There will be a shuttle running this year from the Catholic Center to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and returning following the ceremony. The shuttle will begin one hour from the start of the ceremony 9am or 6pm. Parking space is available at the Cathedral or the side streets leading to the Cathedral if preferred.

As your group arrives, an usher will direct all to the pews reserved for your parish. Pews will be marked with the parish name. The Office of Divine Worship will try to accommodate your request for seating space but occasionally there is an overflow and guests may not be able to sit with your group. You, or the person leading the group forward, are asked to sit on the side aisle of the last pew assigned to your parish as the group will exit from the side aisle for procession.

During the Rite

The ceremony begins with the Liturgy of the Word, including the bishop's homily. After the homily, the Catechumens and their godparents are questioned and respond in unison, following the printed program. After this, the Candidates for Full Communion and their sponsors are questioned and respond in unison, as directed in the printed program. The procession follows. Ushers will direct the procession of the catechumens and candidates (**not sponsors**) from the side aisles to the back of the cathedral and up the center aisle. You, or parish representative will lead the group. Simply follow the direction of the ushers and procession coordinator. They will let you know when to go.

Candidates will enter the sanctuary and proceed to meet Bishop Johnston, if there is a candidate who cannot physically get up into the sanctuary, they may proceed around the right side of the sanctuary and along the back until they get to the bishop. An usher or server will notify the bishop, and he will come down to greet them.

Catechumens will lead first into the sanctuary, stopping to sign the Book of the Elect, as their names are read. The Candidates will go directly to greet Bishop Johnston as their names are read.

After all the names have been read and all have returned to their places, The Elect (and their godparents) will be asked to stand and be recognized. Their response will be “Thanks be to God” as directed in the program.

Then the Candidates (and sponsors) will be asked to stand and respond, “Thanks be to God” as directed in the program. Intercessions for the Elect and Candidates will be prayed, followed by the final blessing and dismissal.

Sincerely,

Lorie Sage

Office of Divine Worship

P.S. One final reminder, please arrive early enough for check-in, depending on your scheduled time, so that this liturgy may be full of grace and meaning for you and your community.

Registration link and password

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022Rite>

password ElectionRite2022

Submit on or before February 8, 2022 deadline

