

Important Information for Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

When is the Rite of Election?

February 21, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph

Will it be Mass?

No, the rite will be celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word

Who should attend?

Catechumens, Candidates, Godparents/sponsors, RCIA director, a presenter from each parish, Parish priest, family and friends are welcome.

When should I be there?

Registration and rehearsal will be at 2:00 p.m. parking in the rear of cathedral

Who's Who?

Catechumen-one who is not baptized (adult or child) who is preparing to be fully initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil

Candidate for Full Communion- baptized non-catholic who will be welcomed into full communion in the Church

Candidate (Baptized Catholic) – baptized Catholic adults who are preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist

Presenter- Representative from parish; reads names of Catechumens/ candidates during the service

What should I bring?

1. **The scroll (for Candidates only)** that was signed at the Rite of Sending in your parish and tie it with a purple ribbon. These will be placed in a basket on the altar at the appropriate time. These scrolls may be claimed after the ceremony. Extra scrolls are available if you do not have one. Scrolls will not be presented for the catechumens because each catechumen will come forward and sign one of the Books of elect at the Cathedral. Presenters should have a list of the names of the catechumens and candidates who will be presented.

2. Please print or type a **nametag** for each of your candidates and catechumens. It should include the first and last name, parish and town.

3. The **presenter** for your group should bring the lists of names of catechumens and candidates to read when presenting your group.

What else do I have to do for the Rite of Election?

1. Send your registration form to: Mary E. Marsan, Archdiocese of Hartford, Office of Religious Education, 467 Bloomfield Ave, Bloomfield, CT 06002, Fax: (860)-243-9690, Email: mmarsan@adh-ore.org

2. Celebrate the parish rite of sending in your parish the Sunday prior to the Rite of Election, or the morning of the Rite of Election. A sample ceremony accompanies this mailing. For further details see the Rite#530 and ff.

3. Prepare your catechumens and candidates to celebrate the Rite, they may each have 1 sponsor or Godparent, provide directions and parking instructions for the Cathedral.