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Memo

TO: Pastors, Parochial Administrators, and RCIA Coordinators

FROM: Dcn. Greg McAvoy-Jensen

DATE: January 9, 2023

RE: Rite of Election 2023

The below communication is from the Diocesan Christian Initiation Committee.

It is time to place your reservation for the **2023 Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion which will be on February 25 and 26, 2023**. Remember that each parish can only make the reservation once. *If you have a Spanish RCLA be sure to have their information as well.*

Below are some reminders regarding the reservation and celebration. **If you do not have any catechumens or candidates and will not be attending the Rite of Election, please put 0's in the number spots.**

- A **catechumen** is an **unbaptized** person who is preparing for full initiation by Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. They will be seated on one side of the church or cathedral.
- A **candidate** is either a person who is **baptized** a non-Catholic faith and is preparing for reception into full communion with the Catholic Church or a Catholic preparing to receive **both** First Eucharist and Confirmation. They will be seated on the other side of the church or cathedral.
- If you have entire families (Mother and/or Father and Child(ren)) participating in the Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion TOGETHER there is a section on the reservation to account for that. The family will be seated together.
- Catechumens are allowed up to 2 godparents to attend the Rite of Election.
- Candidates are allowed up to 1 sponsor to attend the Call to Continuing Conversion.

- Children in your groups are allowed up to 2 parents.
- Please give us your **best estimate for those you expect to attend**. If later some are not ready this year, you can adjust your numbers.
- You are allowed **1 team member per group**. If you have adult catechumens, children catechumens, and children candidates, that is 3 team members. Priests are always seated.
- **Book Bearers** - Please select one person from your parish (not a sponsor) to carry the *Book of the Elect* in the procession and to announce the names of the catechumens and candidates. If you have a Spanish RCIA process, you may send one English speaking and one Spanish speaking. **They will meet one 1 hour before the celebration for specific instructions**. You will need to have their e-mail address when you place your reservation.
- The *Book of the Elect* (in which the names of those to be baptized have already been inscribed during the Rite of Sending at the parish) should be permanent, hardcover book of substantial quality. **Only catechumens sign the *Book of the Elect***. Candidates do **not** sign the book. Every parish brings their Book of the Elect, regardless of whether you have catechumens, in order to participate in the procession.
- If anyone in your group has **mobility issues**, like wheelchairs or walkers, please indicate that so we can seat you accordingly.
- Please plan to **arrive early** to be able find your reserved section. Please do not try to seat more people in your reserved section than you reserved space for.
- Please provide **name tags** for all catechumens, candidates and sponsors. The name tags should include name, whether they are a catechumen or candidate and parish name.

Below is the link for the 2023 Rite of Election reservation form. As usual, you just need to click on the link and follow the prompts. When you choose your parish name, it will send you to your assigned date, time, and place.

https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/rite_of_election

Lastly,

Reservations are due by Friday, January 13th

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shannon Langer at sblecha916@yahoo.com or 916-825-0318.

Thank you!