

December 2012

Dear Monsignors, Fathers and Catechumenate Directors,

The Rite of Election will be celebrated on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Rockford. **This year there will only be ONE service for Catechumens, their sponsors and the RCIA team.**

A Rite of Election offered in Spanish will be celebrated at St. Mary Church in Elgin with Msgr. Arquimedes Vallejo, JCD. Information regarding this service will be coming from his office.

The rite celebrates the election of those men and women whom you and your parish community name and choose from among your Catechumens to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Please use the form on the ODW website (www.odwrockford.org) to submit your registration. The full names of all your Catechumens and Candidates must be submitted on the registration form. The registration must be received by the Office of Divine Worship by February 15, 2012 in order to be placed within the worship aid. Any additions, corrections, or deletions made after February 15, 2012 will not be reflected in the worship aid or included in the Observer.

As in the past, seats will not be reserved for the ceremony. We ask each parish and RCIA group to plan ahead and arrive at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Rockford in plenty of time to secure seats. If there are any accommodations which need to be prepared for the physically impaired or for any other kind of need, please e-mail me when you submit your form (jnaill@rockforddiocese.org) or include the request with the mail form.

In His peace,

Rev. Joseph P. Naill, M.A.

Director

General Notes:

- At this time, I trust that you, your Catechumenate team, and parish, have entered into serious discernment concerning those to be chosen for election to the Sacraments. As those responsible for the initiation of these Catechumens and Candidates, you will be asked for your discernment about their lives and their resolve to follow Christ.
- “Before the rite of election is celebrated, the catechumens are expected to have undergone a conversion in mind and in action and to have developed a sufficient acquaintance with Christian teaching as well as a spirit of faith and charity” (RCIA #120)
- Each parish is expected to have their own parish Book of the Elect for the Enrollment of Names. The enrollment of names should take place at your parish in the Rite of Sending. Only the names of the Catechumens (those who are not baptized) are inscribed in the book. The names of the Candidates, that is, those already baptized, are not to be inscribed in the Book of the Elect because their enrollment already occurred through their baptism. Please refer to the Rite of Sending found on the ODW website (www.odwrockford.org).
- The letter requesting permission from Bishop Doran to be delegated to Confirm at the Easter Vigil cannot be sent until **AFTER** the Rite of Election.

The following is to be used to receive delegation by the Bishop to Confirm at the Easter Vigil

Date

Most Reverend Thomas G. Doran, D.D., J.C.D.
Bishop of Rockford
PO Box 7044
Rockford, Illinois 61125

Dear Bishop Doran:

During this past year the following Roman Catholics, who were baptized but did not receive further catechesis in their faith nor the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist, have now received the necessary catechetical education and formation in our catechumenal process. They have received the call to continuing conversion from your delegate. They now wish to complete their initiation through the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

In accord with the regulation of the Church, I am listing their names, individually, in order that I may ask you for the proper delegation to confirm them at the Easter Vigil, on April 7, 2012, in our parish of [Name of your Church].

[List only the name(s) of Catholic Candidates, individually and in alphabetical order]

	Choose the appropriate last line for the conclusion of the letter:
1	Therefore, I, [Pastor's Name] ask you for the faculty to confirm each of them at the Easter Vigil.
2	<i>Therefore, I, [Pastor's Name] ask you for the faculty for [Associate/Parochial Vicar name] to confirm each of them at the Easter Vigil.</i>

Sincerely in Christ,

[Pastor's name]
Pastor / Parish Administrator