

Instructions for RCIA Coordinators/Presenters who are reading names for the Rite of Election-2024

Please read these instructions prior to the Rite of Election to become familiar with this process.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR PARISH
BOOK OF THE ELECT WITH YOU**

- Please check in at the registration table when you arrive at the cathedral. You are the only person from your parish who needs to check in. Please arrive by 1:00pm to be assigned seats for your parish. Know the number of catechumens and godparents in your group. Keep your Book of the Elect with you. Sit at the end of the pew on the side aisle.
- For the Presentation of the Catechumens, you will be asked to come forward. Presenters seated on the right side proceed down their side aisle to the cantor lectern. An usher will assist you. All presenters on the left side, leave your pew and go down the side aisle to the back of the church. Cross the back of the church and then proceed to the front via the right-side aisle.
- When it is your turn, step up to the cantor lectern. Begin by saying, **“The parish of (Parish name—city/town) presents the following catechumens.”** Read the names clearly from the Book of the Elect. Catechumens and godparent(s) will stand at their places when their names are called and remain standing until all your parish names have been called. (Be sure to give your catechumens this instruction before the Rite.) When you are finished reading the names, the catechumens and godparents sit back down.
- Upon finishing, move across the sanctuary to stand on the wide step. The first person should cross all the way over to the right (as you face the people) toward the cathedra (the bishop’s chair). Depending on the number of participating parishes, you may end up being two or three rows deep. Do not stand in front of the bishop or any clergy. The next Presenter steps forward to the cantor lectern as the previous one leaves.
- After all the names of the catechumens are called, there will be the Affirmation by Godparents and the Assembly (all this is will be in the worship aid) followed by the Invitation and Enrollment with the catechumens. The catechumens respond, “We do.” Presenters hold the Book of the Elect high while the choir sings the acclamation, *Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own*, then lower the books.
- The bishop makes the Act of Admission or Election, and the elect respond *Thanks be to God*. Presenters then return to their places using the two side aisles.