

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Parish Coordinators of R.C.I.A.  
FROM: Christina Tuley, Executive Assistant  
DATE: January 14, 2015  
SUBJECT: Combined Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

There will be **FOUR** celebrations of the **Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion**. Since this rite is the focal point of the whole Church's concern for the catechumens and candidates for full communion under the leadership of the Archbishop, we encourage parishes to make a sincere effort to participate in one of these celebrations. (See RCIA #121)

For parishes in the southern parts of the archdiocese Archbishop Tobin will celebrate the combined Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at St. Mary of the Knobs in Floyds Knobs on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We ask the New Albany Deanery parishes that normally attend the Rite at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral to make every effort to attend on February 25<sup>th</sup> with Archbishop Tobin.

Below are the dates and times of the archdiocesan celebrations of the combined rite at the Cathedral and at St. Mary of the Knobs.

Sunday, February 15, 2015 (Sunday prior to Lent) 2:00 p.m. at SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral With Msgr. Bill Stumpf Vicar General of the Archdiocese	Sunday, February 22, 2015 (First Sunday of Lent) 2:00 p.m. at SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral 6:00 p.m. at SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral With Archbishop Tobin
<b>Wednesday, February 25, 2015</b> 6:30 pm at St. Mary of the Knobs With Archbishop Tobin	

We also encourage you to make use of the **Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election (and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop.)** (See RCIA #106 or #536.) The rite of sending may be celebrated in the parish church at any suitable time prior to the Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion. It need not be celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent.

**At the Cathedral there will be RESERVED SEATS** for all those attending the celebrations. Seats will be reserved in parish groups. However, as space is limited we ask that the numbers indicated on the reservation form be as accurate as possible. Please check with the Ministers of Hospitality upon your arrival. They will assist you in finding your seats. We encourage parish groups to come together to facilitate this process.

There will not be reserved seats at St. Mary of the Knobs although we do encourage parish RICA teams to arrive at the same time so they sit together.

**Please note that at the Cathedral no parish is guaranteed their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.** Parishes may be asked to move to their 2<sup>nd</sup> and though rare, sometimes to their 3<sup>rd</sup> choice. Since some parishes celebrate a Sunday evening Mass we will do our best to accommodate these pastors/parishes and schedule them for the 2:00 p.m. celebrations on February 15<sup>th</sup> and February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**If you have Spanish-speaking catechumens or candidates for full communion** please mark on the reservation form so that they can be greeted and welcomed in Spanish.

Please let us know **if you have catechumens, candidates or sponsors with special needs** so we may plan accordingly.

Please select someone who will present (call out) the names of the catechumens and candidates for full communion. This may be the same person. Inform them they are to gather in the **Blessed Sacrament Chapel** (if at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral) **or in the narthex** (if at St. Mary of the Knobs) 30 minutes prior to the liturgy. Inform your pastor (or other clergy) that they do not need to vest for this liturgy. Fr. Pat Beidelman or his delegate will give presenters further instructions on the day of the ceremony.

### **Book of the Elect**

We encourage all participating parishes to have a Book of the Elect in which the names of the catechumens have been inscribed. The names of the catechumens will be read from the Book of the Elect during the Rite of Election and the (Arch)bishop will make a direct reference to the books during the rite. These books are available from Liturgical Press at 1-800-858-5450 or [www.litpress.org](http://www.litpress.org) and from the Catholic Book Publishing Co. through Steve James, Archdiocesan Purchasing Agent at 236-1451 or 1-800-382-9836, ext. 1451 or [sjames@archindy.org](mailto:sjames@archindy.org).

Please note that since this book is intended to contain only the names of those (catechumens) to be baptized (“the elect”). The names of the candidates for full communion are to be presented from the scroll that is provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Christina Tuley in the Office of Worship, 236-1483, 1-800-382-9836, ext. 1483 or [ctuley@archindy.org](mailto:ctuley@archindy.org)

**Please note: We cannot accept phone reservations. Reservations must be made by returning the completed form to the Office of Worship no later than February 2<sup>nd</sup>.** (See the reservation forms.)

**If you are not coordinating RCIA this year, please pass this information on to the appropriate person.**

Thank you!