

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parish Coordinators of R.C.I.A.

FROM: Christina Tuley, Executive Assistant

DATE: December 21, 2009

SUBJECT: Combined Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion
with Archbishop Daniel Buechlein

There will be **three** celebrations at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral 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)

Below are the dates and times of the Archdiocesan celebrations of the combined rite at the Cathedral. Please note the following celebrations and check to see which works best for your parish. Also note the later start time. The liturgy will start one half hour later than in previous years, allowing parishes outside of Indianapolis additional driving time.

February 14, 2010
(Sunday prior to Lent)
2:30 p.m.

February 21, 2010
(First Sunday of Lent)
2:30 p.m. **and** 6:30 p.m.

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.

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.

We ask **parishes in the Indianapolis area** to consider as their 1st or 2nd choice the 6:30 pm celebration on February 21st. In this way, we may serve better the parishes that have to travel a much greater distance. **Please note that no parish is guaranteed their 1st or 2nd choice.** Parishes may be asked to move to their 2nd and though rare, sometimes to their 3rd choice. Since some parishes now celebrate a Sunday evening mass we will do our best to accommodate these pastors/parishes and schedule them for the 2:30 p.m. celebrations on February 14th or February 21st.

If you have Spanish-speaking catechumens or candidates for full communion please note on the reservation form so that the Archbishop can greet and welcome them in Spanish.

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.

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** 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 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 Archbishop 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 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.

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

Rite of Election Receptions

Following the liturgy, a reception will be held in the Catholic Center Assembly Hall. Cookies, coffee and punch will be served. We are not asking for donations to defray the cost. Food is ordered based on the total number attending the liturgy. If you know in advance that your group will not be attending the reception, please indicate this on the reservation form or call the Office of Worship.

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

Please note: We cannot accept phone reservations. Reservations must be made by returning the completed form. Reservation forms should be returned to the Office of Worship no later than January 26th.

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

Thank you!