



2023


Gathering for RCIA Teams

Rite of Election

Rites during Lent

Small Group Discussion

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The Raising of Lazarus

“Lazarus, come out!”
The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

John 11: 43-44

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Rite of Election

Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 3:00pm

Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine

Information requested by the Diocese

Paperwork due to the Diocese by Friday, January 13, 2022

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OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of
Adults

What's New? What's Not?
What's Next?

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Rite of Election



This is the liturgical rite, usually celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent, by which the Church formally ratifies the catechumens' readiness for the sacraments of initiation and the catechumens, now the elect, express the will to receive the sacraments.

(Outline for Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA p. 14)

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Rite of Election

Before the Rite of Election is celebrated, the catechumens are expected to have **undergone a conversion** in mind and action and to have developed a sufficient acquaintance with Christian teaching as well as a spirit of faith and charity. With deliberate will and an enlightened faith they must have the intention to receive the sacraments of the Church, a resolve they will express publicly at the actual celebration of the rite.

(RCIA, 120)

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Rite of Election

Catechumens should understand the significance of the Rite.

Have the desire to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil

Be aware that the Rite of Election begins the final period of preparation



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Discernment of the Catechumen RCIA #120

Can the Catechumen (and those who've journeyed with them) answer these questions?

- How/In what ways have they experienced a conversion in mind and action?
- How is a spirit of faith and charity evident in their daily lives?
- Do they have a desire to receive the sacraments? How does this manifest itself?

Bishop will ask them questions at the Rite:

- Have they faithfully listened to God's Word?
- Have they joined in Christian prayer?



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Based on your **EXPERIENCE** share with one another the changes you've seen catechumens display during the catechumenate period.

- What kind of **changes** have you noticed in how the catechumen prays?
- Can you think of ways the catechumen has developed a comfort level with or integrated Christian teaching into his/her thinking and begun to apply it in decision making?
- Describe **changes** in behavior and attitude the catechumen has displayed during the formation period
- Share examples of how the catechumen shows a spirit of faith and charity

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Rites Belonging to the Period of Purification and Enlightenment

In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated....From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation. RCIA, 143

First Scrutiny; The women at the well – John 4:5-42

Second Scrutiny; the man born blind – John 9:1-41

Third Scrutiny; the raising of Lazarus – John 11:1-45

Lectionary Year A is always used for the readings.

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