

# MEMO

Date: January 13, 2026







To: Pastors

From: Diocesan Liturgical Commission  
OCIA Committee Member  
Mary H. Reyes -

Re: RITE OF ELECTION

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-  The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion is scheduled for ***Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 2:00 PM*** at ***The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory in Victoria.*** During this formal ritual of the Rite of Election, *His Excellency*, the Most Reverend Brendan Cahill, will elect those catechumens to be baptized, and call into further conversion those candidates to be received into full communion this Easter.
  
-  The commission suggests parishes with the OCIA process conduct some time of reflection to adequately prepare for the rite. An *Information and Resources Booklet* is available at [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) (Ministries/Diocesan Liturgical Commission/Rite of Election) to help parishes and directors prepare.
  
-  Please complete and return the registration form or use the QR code indicating the number of catechumens and candidates that will attend the Rite of Election from your parish by ***Friday, February 13, 2026.***
  
-  Please bring your *Book of Elect*, which ***should be signed beforehand by the catechumens***, and presented to Bishop Cahill for his signature at the Rite of Election.
  
-  A reception will be held at the Chancery after the Rite of Election along with a tour of the Chancery. ***In order to properly plan for the reception, please let us know how many from your parish will be attending.***
  
-  For questions or more information on the Rite of Election please contact Mary H. Reyes at 361-482-9932 or [m.reyes0707@yahoo.com](mailto:m.reyes0707@yahoo.com).