



Rite of Election and Call to Continued Conversion Interview

Instruction to interviewer: In addition to this completed interview, the interviewer is to express in writing his/her judgment about the catechumen's or candidate's readiness for Election/Call to Continuing Conversion.

Please read or paraphrase the following information and explanation to the catechumen or candidate:

The Rite of Election (catechumens), Call to Continued Conversion (candidates) is an archdiocesan liturgy presided over by the cardinal or an assisting bishop. It is held on the first Sunday of Lent at one of four locations.

This celebration marks a period of more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation, (and a deepening of the commitment on the part of the candidates), during which the elect (and the candidates) will be encouraged to follow Christ with a greater generosity.

At this second step, on the basis of the testimony of godparents, (sponsors) and catechists, as well as the catechumen's or candidate's own reaffirmation of their intention, the Church judges their state of readiness and decides on their advancement toward the Easter sacraments....

Before the Rite of Election is celebrated, the catechumens (and candidates) are expected to have undergone (or continued) a conversion in mind and in 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 in the actual celebration of the rite.

...Before the rite of election the bishop, priests, deacons, catechists, godparents, and the entire community, in accord with their respective responsibilities and in their own way, should, after considering the matter carefully, arrive at a judgment about the catechumen's (or candidate's) formation and progress (OCIA n.119-121).



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In these or similar words:

Catechumen's or Candidate's Name:

Sponsor's Name:

When did you begin the OCIA sessions? What were you hoping to gain?

What changes in your spiritual life have you experienced since you began? (Explain)

How has your family life been affected by the process? In what ways, (positively or negatively)?

How have the Sunday\weekday catechumenate sessions helped you to better understand Christian teaching and the faith of the Catholic Church?

How have you been open to receiving the Word and incorporating it into your life?
Elaborate...

What have you found to be the biggest challenge posed to you by God in Scripture and/or the Church?



How has your sponsor helped in your growth in the Catholic faith?

Have you seriously resolved to try to follow Jesus as found in Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church?

How has your relationship with God through prayer changed as a result of your experiences in our community?

In what ways have you found God to be present in our community (parish and secular)?

How do you desire to contribute to the growth and support of the Church?

Is it your desire to receive the sacraments of initiation at the next Easter Vigil? Has this desire changed in any way since you began the process?

What questions do you still have regarding the Catholic Church?

Any comments which you would like to make:

Date of Interview: _____ Interviewed by: _____