



December 5, 2025

Dear Pastors, OCI Coordinators, and Faith Formation Leaders:

The *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion* for 2025 will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2026, at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston. The Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens, Bishop of Crookston, will preside. Note that this is not a Mass; please celebrate the Rite of Sending at your parish Mass that weekend with your participants. Participants need to arrive at the Cathedral by 2:30 pm for instructions. There will be a reception to follow.

**Registration by a member of your team is required by the Diocese of Crookston.
Please complete this electronic form by February 6. >>
<https://form.jotform.com/253334933807158>**

If you have catechumens who are not able to attend the *Rite of Election* for a serious reason, it is required that a letter of intent is sent to Bishop Cozzens requesting a “letter of admittance” into the Order of the Elect. The letters are to be submitted by February 6, 2026.

Yours in Christ,

Janelle C. Gergen, Chancellor/Chief Operating Officer
Diocese of Crookston