

RITE OF ELECTION

Information and Registration Form

On the First Sunday of Lent, Bishop McManus will celebrate the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion for the catechumens and candidates of our diocesan parishes who expect to be initiated into the Church this Easter.

The rite will be celebrated along with the Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul. The Eucharist will not be celebrated.

Return the registration form to the Office for Religious Education by Wednesday, February 15th.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The following have active roles in the rite:

- Catechumens
 - unbaptized persons who will be fully initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil
- Candidates
 - baptized Catholic adults who are preparing for confirmation and eucharist
 - baptized non-catholics who will be welcomed into the full communion of the Church
- Godparents/Sponsors
 - persons who will support and guide catechumens and candidates through the February 26th rite and during the rest of their formation

ALSO

- Family, friends, parish staff members and parishioners are welcome to attend and support catechumens and candidates by their prayerful participation in the rites.
- Parish priests and other clergy are welcome to vest in alb and purple stole. Vesting will be on the lower level of the Cathedral.

N.B. Reserved seating will be provided for catechumens, candidates, godparent or sponsor and one team member. Family members and other guests may sit anywhere in the church not designated as reserved. Parishes presenting children will be seated in the front.

SPECIAL PREPARATIONS

AT THE PARISH

A parish **Rite of Sending** may be celebrated in your parish at some convenient time prior to the Cathedral rite on February 26. If you are sending **catechumens only**, use the rite found in the RCIA ritual at paragraphs 106 through 117. If you are sending **only candidates** (previously baptized Catholics and non-catholics), use the rite found in the RCIA ritual at paragraphs 438 through 445. If you are sending a mixed group of **catechumens and candidates**, use the rite found in the RCIA ritual at paragraphs 530 through 546.

AT THE CATHEDRAL

Families -- Family members would be well advised to make arrangements for the care of their infants and small children. Unfortunately, the Cathedral lacks appropriate facilities for them.

Rest Rooms and Handicap Entrance -- Located on the lower level of the Cathedral. The handicap entrance may be accessed from Chatham St. (lower level). An elevator is located inside this side entrance to the Cathedral.

Parking

- Cathedral Parking Lot
- Federal Plaza Garage, located at 570 Main St. behind the Cathedral
- On-street parking on Chatham and High Streets is permitted
- Please **do not** park in the Center for Performing Arts' lot across from the Cathedral's main entrance or in any other lots that are restricted.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

1. Please **type/print** information. Photocopy form as needed. Be sure to indicate "parish" and "city" on each page. Mail form(s) to: OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609 or FAX to (508) 753-7180 by **Wednesday, February 15th**.
2. Contact Person -- This person may be contacted before the Rite of Election for guidance on pronunciation of names. Please include phone number and email address if available.
3. Please give **full legal name** as it will appear in sacramental register.
4. The diocese is frequently asked for more precise information on those celebrating this Rite e.g., how many candidates for full communion (baptized non-catholics), how many candidates who are Catholics completing their initiation, how many children, etc. This registration form is our only source of such information. Please attend to all the information requested. **Please CHECK ONLY ONE of the following columns for each person: Catechumen OR Candidate for Full Communion OR Candidate/Baptized Catholic.**

ANY QUESTIONS regarding the ceremony or registration form, call the **Office of Religious Education: (508) 929-4306**

**RITE OF ELECTION –
CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION – February 26, 2012
Parish Registration Form**

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49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609
FAX (508) 753-7180**

Please **type or print** the following information. **Return no later than Feb 15.** Please read instructions above before completing.

CITY: _____ **PARISH:** _____
Contact Person: _____ **Phone Number of Contact Person:** _____
Email address: _____

	FULL NAME <small>(Include Mr., Mrs., Ms., etc.)</small>	ADDRESS <small>Include Zip</small>	CATECHUMEN <small>(Unbaptized)</small>	CANDIDATE <small>for Full Communion</small>	CANDIDATE <small>Baptized Catholic</small>	CHILD <small>under 14</small>	GODPARENT/ SPONSOR
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