

**RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS  
and of CALLING THE CANDIDATES TO CONTINUING CONVERSION**

**Action Items**

1. Please email [institute@diobpt.org](mailto:institute@diobpt.org) and let us know how many catechumens and candidates will be attending the Rite of Election so we can reserve enough seats.
2. Designate the person to present the parish Book of the Elect during the celebration. Before celebrating the Rite of Election, that person will need instructions to present the book. (Refer to the section above). The book-bearer should arrive and meet the master of ceremonies 20 minutes prior to the liturgy, beginning at the front of the sanctuary for a brief walk-through.
3. Prepare your catechumens and candidates for the liturgy by walking through the basic structure with them. You don't have to "spoil it" for them but giving them a basic understanding will help them participate fully. Also, please rehearse their responses with them:
  - a. Catechumens will be asked if it is their will to be initiated; they respond, "It is." The Bishop/celebrant will also declare them to be "elect," to which they respond, "Thanks be to God!"
  - b. After the Bishop or celebrant recognizes the candidates and affirms them, they respond, "Thanks be to God!"
4. Plan to celebrate the Rite of Sending at a parish Mass on the First Sunday of Lent. The ritual text is in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please have your catechumens sign the Book of Elect at this parish celebration, as they will not sign the book at the Rite of Election.
5. After celebrating the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, the Book of the Elect should be returned to the parish church and displayed there in a place of honor during the remainder of the Lenten season.