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**Date:** February 7, 2019

**To:** Pastors, Pastoral Assistants and Coordinators of RCIA

**From:** Archdiocesan Liturgy Commission

**RCIA—RITE OF ELECTION**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019 – 3:00 P.M.**  
**Holy Rosary Cathedral**  
**Regina, SK**

**THE RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS** will be a diocesan celebration in accord with the directive given in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (no. 108).

The celebration will be a Liturgy of the Word and the Rite of Election of Catechumens (those to be baptized). **This celebration will NOT include a Liturgy of the Eucharist.**

**ENROLLMENT OF NAMES:** The Parish Book of the Elect should be brought to the celebration by a catechist or the person in charge of R.C.I.A. During the Rite of Election, the catechumens will be invited to sign the book.

**PICTURES:** At the end of the celebration, following the Final Blessing and Dismissal, there will be an opportunity for catechumens with their godparents and family to have a photo with the Archbishop. We ask that you **DO NOT** take pictures during the liturgy itself out of respect for the sacredness of the liturgical rite.

**A RECEPTION** will follow the liturgy. The R.C.I.A. group from each parish is invited to bring an item for the reception, such as a plate of fruit or some baking that can be shared.

**NAME TAGS:** Each parish is to provide their catechumens with a name tag including the name of the parish.

**A RESPONSE** from each attending parish is necessary to help us organize the seating arrangements for the celebration. If there are child catechumens please identify how many so that seating closer to the front of the church may be arranged.

**\*\*\*\*\*Please let Marian Grady (789-8276) or Fr. Ron Andree (543-3838) know by Thursday, February 28, 2019 how many catechumens will be coming from your parish.**

All catechumens in the Archdiocese who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation are asked to come with their godparents to this celebration. Although this rite is for catechumens specifically, adult Candidates for Confirmation and First Communion are also encouraged to attend, as well as RCIA Coordinators, Catechists, parishioners and families who have journeyed in faith with them.

**The order of celebration:**

- Gathering Rite
- Liturgy of the Word
- Presentation of Catechumens
- Affirmation by Godparents
- Invitation and Enrollment of Names
- Act of Admission or Election
- Intercessions for the Elect
- Prayer over the Elect
- Dismissal

**Anyone wanting more information or clarification please call Marian Grady, Liturgy Commission Member at (306) 789-8276 or email: [mariangrady@sasktel.net](mailto:mariangrady@sasktel.net); Fr. Ron Andree, Liturgy Commission Chairperson at (306) 543-3838 or email: [rmandree@gmail.com](mailto:rmandree@gmail.com).**