TO: PASTORS AND PARISH RCIA COORDINATORS

FROM: THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS (ODWS)

RE: RITE OF ELECTION AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

DATE: JANUARY 7, 2020

The Archdiocesan celebration of the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will take place on the First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2020.

Please check your time and location carefully.

LOCATIONS, TIMES, & DEANERIES:

Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, 3:30pm – Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr, Archbishop of Cincinnati: St. Francis de Sales, St. Martin, St. Lawrence Deaneries, and any Hamilton Deanery parishes that choose to take part in this celebration.

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, 3:30pm – Most Rev. Joseph R. Binzer, Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati: Sidney, St. Mary’s, Springfield, Dayton Deaneries, and any Hamilton Deanery parishes that choose to take part in this celebration.

Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, 7:30pm – Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr, Archbishop of Cincinnati: Cathedral, St. Margaret Mary, and St. Andrew Deaneries.

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion is for catechumens who are ready to celebrate the Easter Sacraments; for candidates seeking full communion with the Roman Catholic Church (including children); for baptized Catholics seeking to complete their initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist; and for godparents, sponsors, catechists, and pastors. Families and parish members are also invited and encouraged to attend. It is important that the catechumens and candidates know to which group they belong, since this rite makes a clear distinction between the two.

We ask that you bring your Book of the Elect (with names already inscribed) to be presented as part of the Rite of Election. We will not read the individual names of your catechumens and candidates, but we will publish them in the program.

In order to assure that the names of your parish’s catechumens and candidates are included in the program and that appropriate seating is reserved, you will need to complete the reservation form posted on the Office for Divine Worship and Sacraments website no later than January 23, 2020. All electronic submissions will receive a confirmation email within two
business days. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please call the ODWS 513.263.6609. Seating will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

More details about the liturgical celebration itself will be communicated as the date approaches.

If there are people with disabilities in your group, it is important that we are informed so that we can provide necessary accommodations. The services of an interpreter for the hearing impaired are available upon request. Should you need any of these services, please contact the ODWS immediately.

If your parish has received candidates into full communion at other times during the past year, please complete the reservation form with their names and the dates they were received; names will be printed in the program.

Please contact the ODWS if you have any questions regarding this liturgy.

Thank you for your continuing ministry to those seeking initiation in the Church.