

Dear Pastor/Pastoral Staff:

Please pass this information to the **RCIA coordinator** in your parish.

## **2017 Rite of Election Information Package**

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- Arrive no less than 30 minutes prior to the celebration. Doors open one hour before the liturgy.

#### AS PREVIOUSLY

- Parishes have been assigned to Saturday or Sunday.
- Seating at St. Mary's Cathedral is assigned. See the head usher upon arrival and be seated by an usher.
- Online Registration is available.
- You may fill in the registration form electronically or by hand and send by e-mail, fax, or mail.
- The registration form is due no later than **February 28, 2017**.

#### **RITE OF ELECTION ONLINE REGISTRATION**

<http://liturgy.calgarydiocese.ca>

# Rite of ELECTION

## Call to Lenten Renewal

✠ DIOCESE OF CALGARY

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### Time and Place

All parishes in the Diocese of Calgary are invited to the **Rite of Election and Call to Lenten Renewal 2017**. There will be **two celebrations** at St. Mary's Cathedral:

- **SATURDAY, MARCH 4 at 7:30 p.m., and SUNDAY, MARCH 5 at 3:30 p.m.**
- **Parishes have been assigned** to attend either Saturday or Sunday. If your parish cannot attend on the day assigned, contact the Office of Liturgy as soon as possible.

### Book of the Elect

The signing of the Book of the Elect takes place in the parishes. Below you will find a sample rite for *Dismissal to Rite of Election and Signing the Book of the Elect*.

After the Rite of Election and Call to Lenten Renewal, we encourage parishes to place the Book of the Elect in a prominent place in the church, *e.g.* near the baptismal font or ambry.

### Invitation

The Rite of Election is for catechumens. The Call to Lenten Renewal is for candidates: baptized Christians who wish to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church and baptized Catholics who wish to complete their initiation. **Children of catechetical age are welcome to take part if they will be completing their initiation at the Easter Vigil.**

Especially invited to the celebration are the pastors of each parish, the catechumens and their godparent(s), candidates and their sponsors, and all members of the RCIA, Rite of Reception and Adult Catholic Sacramental Preparation Teams.

### Registration

- **ONLINE** registration is available at <http://liturgy.calgarydiocese.ca>
- You may also fill in the form electronically or by hand and return by e-mail, fax, or mail
- Please register **no later than February 28, 2017**
- Registration is important because **seating is assigned**



## Parish Assignments

2017

SATURDAY, MAR 4, 2017 AT 7:30 PM	SUNDAY, MAR 5, 2017 AT 3:30 PM
<p>Canadian Martyrs, Calgary                      Corpus Christi, Calgary                      Holy Name, Calgary                      Holy Trinity, Calgary                      Holy Trinity-Siksika Nation, St. Columba &amp; St. Mary's, Cluny                      Our Lady of Bistrica, Calgary                      Our Lady of Fatima, Calgary                      Mary Mother of the Redeemer, Calgary                      Our Lady of Peace, Calgary                      Our Lady Queen of Peace, Calgary                      Sacred Heart, Calgary                      St. Anne's Korean, Calgary                      St. Bernard's, Calgary                      St. Bonaventure, Calgary                      St. Boniface, Calgary                      St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Calgary                      St. Francis of Assisi, Calgary                      St. Gabriel the Archangel, Chestermere                      St. Gerard, Calgary                      St. James, Calgary                      St. John the Evangelist Anglican Use                      St. Joseph, Calgary                      St. Luke, Calgary                      St. Mary's, Cochrane                      St. Michael the Archangel, Calgary                      St. Peter, Calgary                      Ste. Famille, Calgary                      St. Vincent Liem, Calgary                      University of Calgary Catholic Community</p>	<p>All Saints, Lethbridge                      Ascension, Calgary                      Christ the King, Claresholm, St. Cecilia, Nanton &amp; St. Mary's, Champion                      Holy Cross, Fort MacLeod &amp; St. Theresa, Cardston                      Holy Family, Medicine Hat                      Holy Spirit, Calgary / Our Lady of Peace                      Holy Trinity, Blairmore                      Immaculate Conception, Standoff                      Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Calgary                      Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore                      St. Mary's, Banff                      Sacred Heart, Oyen                      Sacred Heart, Strathmore                      St. Albert the Great, Calgary                      St. Ambrose, Coaldale &amp; St. Catherine, Picture Butte                      St. Anthony, Calgary                      St. Anthony, Drumheller                      St. Augustine, Taber &amp; St. Joseph, Vauxhall                      St. Bernadette, Calgary                      St. Cecilia, Calgary                      St. Francis de Sales, High River &amp; St. Andrew, Vulcan                      St. George, Hanna                      St. James, Okotoks &amp; St. Michael, Black Diamond                      St. Mark, Calgary                      St. Martha, Lethbridge                      St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary                      St. Mary's, Beiseker &amp; St. Rita's, Rockyford                      St. Mary's, Brooks &amp; St. Mary's, Tide Lake                      St. Michael, Bow Island                      St. Michael, Pincher Creek                      St. Patrick, Calgary                      St. Patrick, Medicine Hat                      St. Paul, Airdrie &amp; St. Agnes, Carstairs                      St. Paul, Brocket                      St. Peter, Milk River                      St. Pius X, Calgary                      St. Thomas More, Calgary</p>



## REGISTRATION

PARISH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ (See parish assignment date list)  
(Y/N)

Number of Catechumens: \_\_\_\_\_  
Candidates: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clergy: \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
Godparents/Sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parish RCIA Ministry Contact Information

Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate any special needs:**

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***ALL PARISHES: Please Respond by February 28, 2017***

FAX (403) 264-0526 or E-MAIL [liturgy@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:liturgy@calgarydiocese.ca) or  
MAIL to Office of Liturgy, 120 - 17th Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2S 2T2  
ONLINE FORM available at <http://Liturgy.Calgarydiocese.ca>



## INFORMATION FOR COORDINATORS

1. **NEW this year** – There is no pre-gathering at St. Monica’s School.
2. Parish groups are to meet directly at St Mary’s Cathedral no less than 30 minutes prior to the celebration.
  - Parish groups include catechumens, candidates, sponsors, team members, and clergy.
  - As much as possible, try to arrive as a group.
  - Large groups may consider meeting for lunch or coffee near the cathedral ahead of time.
  - Guests will be seated separately.
3. Everyone should identify themselves to the head usher. Seating is assigned.
  - **Once everyone has arrived, be sure that individuals are seated in the order in which they will be presented to the Bishop.**
4. Family and friends will be seated by ushers in the places designated for them.
  - **It is not possible for family and friends to sit with catechumens and candidates.**
5. All should wear modest church attire.
6. Bring the **Book of the Elect** previously signed by **catechumens** at the parish.
7. Bring a list of catechumens’ names and a list of candidates’ names.
8. Catechumens sit beside their godparents and candidates beside their sponsors. Godparents and sponsors **remain** in their pews for the entire rite.
9. Remind catechumens and candidates to stand close to the Bishop so he can greet them comfortably.
10. Everyone’s responses to the Bishop’s questions will be “Yes.”

There will be chairs at the back of the sanctuary for those who find it difficult to stand.



## LITURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COORDINATORS

### Catechumens

- **Rite of Election** follows the homily.  
Send only **catechumens** to this rite.
- Bishop will invite representative and catechumens
- Identify yourself to the usher.  
Be attentive. If you do not have **catechumens**, do not identify yourself.  
Wait for usher to tell you when it is time to move.
- **Two** representatives are needed.
- The one with the **Book of the Elect** follows the usher's direction and holds the book **open** at chest height.
- The other takes the names of catechumens and goes to the microphone: "Bishop McGrattan, I present from \_\_\_\_parish, our catechumens \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_." **Only mention the names of those present.**
- After each catechumen is greeted by the Bishop with a handshake, he/she proceeds to the sanctuary.
- After the last person is greeted, the parish representative at the microphone returns to his or her seat.
- Catechumens remain in the sanctuary until instructed to return to their places.

### Candidates

- **Call to Lenten Renewal** follows Rite of Election. Send only **candidates** to this rite.
- Bishop will invite representative and candidates
- Identify yourself to the usher.  
Be attentive. If you do not have **candidates**, do not identify yourself.  
Wait for usher to tell you when it is time to move.
- **One** representative is needed.
- When directed by the usher, the representative goes to the microphone: "Bishop McGrattan, I present from \_\_\_\_parish, our candidates \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_." **Only mention the names of those present.**
- After each candidate is greeted by the Bishop with a handshake, he/she proceeds to the sanctuary.
- After the last person is greeted, the parish representative at the microphone returns to his or her seat.
- Candidates remain in the sanctuary until instructed to return to their places.

## INVITATION FOR CATECHUMENS & CANDIDATES

*Coordinators, please copy and distribute to your catechumens and candidates.*

Dear Catechumens and Candidates,

The RCIA stage of the Catechumenate ends with the Rite of Election for the catechumens and the Call to Lenten Renewal for the candidates. In company with all the other catechumens and candidates in our diocese as well with those in all the dioceses around the world, you are sent by your parish community along with their prayers and support, to participate in the Rite of Election and Call to Lenten Renewal.

**Catechumens**, your sponsors will stand and state your readiness for the sacraments of initiation, at which time, the Bishop declares that you are the “**Elect**” and therefore changes your identity in the RCIA process.

**Candidates**, your identity will remain the same because you already share in the dignity of the baptized but here you are formally invited into the life of the church to prepare for your sacraments of initiation with the support and the prayers of the Church as a whole.

Bishop McGrattan and the Diocese of Calgary look forward to welcoming you into the period of Purification and Enlightenment through these rites.

### Below are some basic instructions:

1. All present should wear modest church attire
2. Family and guests are most welcome to witness your election or calling!

However, they are not permitted to sit immediately with you and the parish team. This liturgy requires that you are seated in a particular order with your sponsors and parish team.

There is a designated seating area for family members and guests. Please instruct your guests to go directly to the cathedral and indicate to the usher that they are guests so that they can be seated in the appropriate place.

3. Your parish representative will indicate to you when it is time to stand or sit and when to go forward to be received by the Bishop.
4. When you approach the Bishop, stand close enough that he can greet you easily with a handshake.
5. The answer to all the Bishop’s questions is “**yes**”.
6. A worship aid is provided so that you can sing and follow the order of service.





## Dismissal to Rite of Election & Call to Lenten Renewal and Signing the Book of the Elect

*This dismissal takes place ideally at a Sunday Mass (or at another convenient time) after the homily or at the end of Mass.*

### DISMISSAL

My dear friends,

You are about to set out on the road that leads to the glory of Easter.

Christ will be your way, your truth, and your life.

In his name and in the name of this Parish Community of \_\_\_\_\_

we send you forth to the Mother Church of our diocese, St. Mary's Cathedral.

I now invite you forward, catechumens, to sign your name in the Book of the Elect.

*(Have someone call out the names of the catechumens. Only catechumens sign the book).*

I now send you for the Lord has chosen you

to join other catechumens who are seeking baptism at Easter

to be received by our Bishop McGrattan, and numbered among the elect.

And you candidates, who are seeking full communion in the church,

or preparing to complete your initiation;

we send you forth from this community to celebrate with the Bishop

the Rite of Calling Candidates to Lenten Renewal.

In this rite, you will be invited, along with the entire community of the faithful,

to use this holy season of Lent to prepare

in a most intense, serious and spiritual way,

for the renewal of your baptismal promises at Easter,

and to become full members of the Catholic Church.

You have been chosen by God and have entered with us into his way of Lent.

May Christ teach you the value of prayer and fasting in meeting temptation,

especially during this time of Lenten retreat.

Be assured of our loving support and prayers for you.

Go in peace. Soon you will gather with us to be nourished at the Eucharistic table.

***You may include this intention in The Prayers of the Faithful:***

*That all catechumens and candidates may experience the universality and love of our Catholic faith as they meet with our Bishop for the Rite of Election and the Rite of Calling Candidates to Lenten Renewal in the Catholic Church.*