

IMPORTANT! This will be the ONLY communication regarding Rite of Election reservations.

The Rite of Election, being the focal point of the Church's concern for the catechumens, is so called because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts (RCIA 121, 119).

The Call to Continuing Conversion rite is the Church's recognition of the candidates' desire to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and to have a place at Christ's Eucharistic table by being faithful to their baptismal covenant (557).

All parishes with catechumens or candidates should participate in these solemn rites. We have scheduled two celebrations of the combined Rites at the Cathedral Basilica the weekend of the First Sunday of Lent, 2024:

Saturday, February 17, 2024	1:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 18, 2024	2:30 p.m.

An accurate count of catechumens and candidates must be returned to the Office of Christian Initiation as soon as possible. **We cannot guarantee reserved seating to any parish whose information is received after January 10, 2024.**

Special seating can be arranged for anyone with special needs. Please note the need on the form. The pew space is calculated based on **six people per pew**. If additional space is needed, please note it under special needs.

One contact person must be designated. Further communications will be e-mails to that person only and will include all further information necessary to prepare for the rite. This form and all forthcoming information will also be posted on our website at <https://www.archstl.org/sacred-worship/liturgy-and-sacraments/rcia>

Please return the following **Reservation Form**, by Wednesday, **January 10, 2024**.

Please fill out the following form and return **BOTH PAGES** to: (E-mail preferred)

EMAIL: joemilner@archstl.org

OR

FAX: 314/792-7239

OR mail to:

Office of Christian Initiation
Attn: Rite of Election
20 Archbishop May Drive
St. Louis, MO 63119

Thank You!

Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion Registration Form

LOCATION: Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis (February 17 or 18, 2024)

Seating for Sunday afternoon is prioritized by need.

Seating for Saturday afternoon is prioritized according to the date received.

Name of Parish/City: _____

☐ We are not sending anyone to the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion this year.

☐ We prefer to celebrate the Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion on:

_____ Saturday, February 17, at 1:30 p.m.

_____ Sunday, February 18, at 2:30 p.m.

_____ Priority request for 2:30 because of _____
(participant's work schedule, needs of children/elderly/health or disability/distance, etc.)

_____ General preference for 2:30 Sunday afternoon

Number of each attending:

_____ Adult Catechumens (unbaptized)

_____ Children Catechumens (unbaptized, age 7-13 only)

REMINDER: Children age 7 or above must *always* be confirmed at the time of their baptism.
See Canons 851.1, 852, 866, 883.2, 885.2 and RCIA National Statutes 18.

_____ Adult Candidates for Reception into Full Communion (baptized)

_____ Children Candidates (baptized, age 7-13 only) for Reception into Full Communion

REMINDER: Children age 7 or above must *always* be confirmed at the time of their reception.
See Canons 852, 883.2, 885.2 and RCIA National Statutes 35.

_____ TOTAL OF ABOVE (Do not include sponsors)

Special Needs: Catechumens or Candidates or Coordinators

_____ Deaf _____ Visually impaired _____ Wheelchair/physical limitations

_____ Coordinators unable to use steps into the sanctuary/need portable microphone

_____ Person requires extra seating space

_____ Other: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Designated contact person to receive future emails:

Name: _____

Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Parish City: _____

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