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, 2020:

- **Saturday, February 29, 2020** 1:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, March 1, 2020** 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 17, 2020.**

Special seating can be arranged for anyone with special needs. Please note the need on the form.

The pew space is calculated on the basis of six/seven people per pew. If additional space is needed, please note it under special needs.

**It is essential that one contact person 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](https://www.archstl.org/sacred-worship/liturgy-and-sacraments/rcia)

Please return the following **Reservation Form**, by **Friday, January 17, 2020**.

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

- **EMAIL:** joemilner@archstl.org
- **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 29 and March 1, 2020)

*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 29, at 1:30 p.m.

____ Sunday, March 1, 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.

____ 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: ________________________________________________________________

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CONTACT INFORMATION:
Designated contact person to receive future emails:

Name:__________________________________________________________

Day Phone: ____________________________________________________

Email: ________________________________________________________

Parish:________________________________________________________

Parish City: ____________________________________________________

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