

OUTLINE OF THE RITE 2018

After the homily, we celebrate the Rite of Election first. The basic pattern will be:

- The MC will announce each deanery (or group of deaneries) in turn.
- The parishes from that deanery (or group) then make their way forward. The catechumens and godparents from each parish go together as a group, led by their parish representative with the Book of the Elect.
- At the lectern by the bishop (not the ambo), the parish representative will read the names of the catechumens from that parish; please DO NOT read names of those who are not present.
 - The catechumens and godparents greet the bishop as the names are called (the name being called and the person greeting the bishop do not need to match)
 - The godparent returns to his or her place while the catechumen enters the sanctuary
 - When done reading, the representative lines up at a side table where the bishop will later sign the Book of the Elect.
- After each deanery (or group), a hymn is sung while all the Books of the Elect for that deanery are signed.
 - The parish representative then goes to stand in the aisle near their parish group
- When the bishop says, “Let their names be offered for enrollment,” the representatives hold up their Book of the Elect
- The catechumens will remain in the sanctuary until after the Act of Election, at which time they will be dismissed back to their places.

Next, the Call to Continuing Conversion is celebrated. The pattern will be similar:

- The MC will announce each deanery (or group of deaneries) in turn.
- The parishes from that deanery (or group) then make their way forward – the group of candidates and sponsors from each parish led by their parish representative.
- At the lectern by the bishop (not the ambo), the parish representative will read the names of the candidates from that parish; please DO NOT read names of those who are not present
 - The candidates and sponsors greet the bishop as the names are called (the name being called and the person greeting the bishop do not need to match)
 - The sponsor returns to his or her place while the candidate enters the sanctuary
 - When finished, the parish representative then goes back to his or her place in the assembly

After they are recognized, they are joined by the catechumens (now the elect) for the prayers of intercession. They will then follow the ministers out as part of the recessional.