

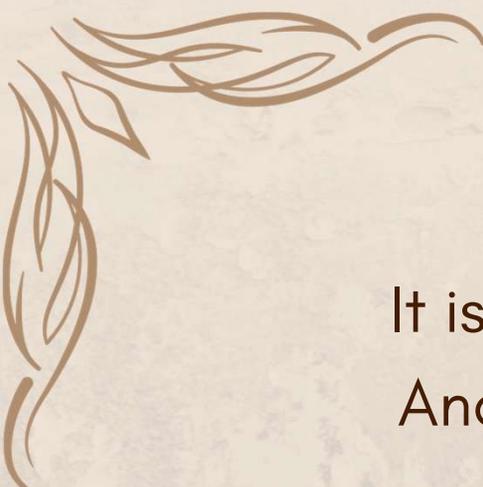


Diocese of San Diego
Office for Evangelization and Catechetical
Ministry
Office for Liturgy and Spirituality

RITE OF ELECTION

AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION





OPENING PRAYER

Father of love and power,
It is your will to establish everything in Christ
And to draw us into his all-embracing love.

Guide these chosen ones:

Strengthen them in their vocation,
Build them into the kingdom of your Son,
And seal them with the Spirit of your promise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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OVERVIEW

- Liturgical Considerations
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LITURGICAL CONSIDERATIONS



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- Parishes ATTENDING a diocesan Rite
- Parishes NOT ATTENDING a diocesan Rite



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RITE OF SENDING

This is an optional rite celebrated in parishes to express its approval of the catechumens and to send them forth to the Rite of Election assured of the parish's care and support. When Election will take place in the parish, this rite is not used.

Rite Details:

- Sunday, March 1st prior to the Rite of Election
- The Rite of Sending takes place after the homily.
- (OCIA, 113) Catechumens Sign the Book of the Elect at this point during the Rite of Sending

Two Rite Options:

1. Catechumens (OCIA, 106-117)
2. Catechumens and Candidates (OCIA, 530-546)



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RITE OF ELECTION

**Rite of Election of Catechumens and of
Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion
March 1, 2026 3:00pm
Jenny Craig Pavilion, USD
*Outline of Order of Service***

- 2:45pm:** *Ceremony Begins-Welcome Announcement*
Preludes: [Open My Eyes/Abre Mis Ojos](#) (Manibussan)
[Sa'yo Lamang/Yours Alone](#) (Fr Manoling V Francisco SJ)
[Tâm Tinh Hiền Dâng/ A Gift of Love](#) (Oanh Sông Lam, translation: Zaragoza, OFM)
[Our God is Here/Dios Esta Aqui](#) (Muglia, Diaz)
- 3:00pm:** *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion*
Processional Hymn: [Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior/Te Alabamos, Jesucristo](#) (Farrell)
Greeting and Opening Prayer
Reading 1: [Genesis 12:1-4a](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Salmo 24 \(25\): A Ti, Señor/To You, O Lord](#), (Bob Hurd)
Reading 2: [2 Timothy 1:8b-10](#)
Gospel Acclamation : [Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, Mass of St. Ann.](#) (Ed Bolduc)
Gospel: [Matthew 17:1-9](#)
Gospel Acclamation (repeated) *(All are seated following the acclamation.)*
Homily



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RITE OF ELECTION

• †Celebration of Election†

Presentation of the Catechumens

- **ALL** Catechumens and their godparents will be invited to **STAND**.

Affirmation by the Godparents and the Assembly (OCIA, 552B)

- The Bishop first addresses the **Godparents** to determine whether the Catechumens are sufficiently prepared for this important step.
The Godparent's response to the **THREE** questions of the Bishop is: **THEY HAVE**.
- The Bishop then addresses the **Assembly** asking if they are ready to support the testimony about the Catechumens.
Assembly's response is: **WE ARE**.

Questioning and Petitioning of the Catechumens (OCIA, 553)

- Next, the Bishop addresses the **Catechumens** as to their intention to participate in the Easter Sacraments:
Is it your will to be initiated into Christ's Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist?
Catechumens: IT IS.
- Please be seated.

Presenting the Names of Those Seeking Initiation (The Books of Elect are brought forward)

Reception or Election (OCIA, 554)

- **ALL** Catechumens and their godparents please **STAND**.
- The Bishop now formally declares the Catechumens as members of the Elect in these words:
You have been chosen for Initiation into the sacred mysteries at the forthcoming Easter Vigil.
Elect: THANKS BE TO GOD!
- The Bishop asks Godparents to place their hand on the shoulder of the Elect they are receiving into their care.
- **Sung Acclamation of Assent** *Bendito sea Dios, O blessed be Our God!*
- All are then **SEATED**.



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†Calling to Continuing Conversion†

Presentation of the Candidates

- All Candidates and their Sponsors will be invited to **STAND**

Affirmation by the Sponsors and the Assembly (OCIA, 556B)

- The Bishop first addresses the **Sponsors** to determine whether the Candidates are sufficiently prepared for this important step.
The Sponsor's response to the **FOUR** questions of the Bishop is: **THEY HAVE**.
- The Bishop then addresses the **Assembly** asking if they are ready to support the testimony about the Candidates.
Assembly's response is: **WE ARE**.

Act of Recognition (OCIA, 557)

- The Bishop now formally recognizes the **Candidates** in these words:
The Church recognizes your desire to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and to have a place at Christ's Eucharistic table. Join with us this Lent in a spirit of repentance. Hear the Lord's call to conversion and be faithful to your baptismal covenant.
Candidates: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**
- The Bishop asks Sponsors to place their hand on the shoulder of the Candidate they are receiving into their care.
- Sung Acclamation of Assent. *Bendito sea Dios, O blessed be Our God!*

All are invited to STAND for the Intercessions

Intercessions for the Elect and the Candidates: *Multilingual Intercessions* from Spirit and Grace,
(English, Filipino, Vietnamese, Spanish), (Manalo, CSP)

Prayer over the Elect and Candidates

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn: [*Christ Be Our Light/Se Nuestra Luz*](#) (Farrell)



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PARISH RITE OF ELECTION

- Rite of Sending is not celebrated
- Sign Book of the Elect during parish ROE
- Pastor is the Bishop's delegate
- ROE is after the homily:
- Celebrated within Liturgy of the Word or Mass
- First Sunday of Lent



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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS 2026

RITE FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE CATECHUMENATE (OCIA, 41-47)

The date must be selected by the Pastor and the Initiation Coordinator after the period of evangelization and pre-catechumenate. (OCIA, 36-40)

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2026

RITE OF SENDING CATECHUMENS FOR ELECTION AND CANDIDATES FOR THE CALLING TO CONTINUING CONVERSION (OCIA, 530-546)

The Rite of Sending is celebrated in the parish at a suitable time prior to the Rite of Election (ROE). (OCIA, 533)

Consider celebrating it on the morning of the diocesan Rite of Election, March 1st.

The catechumens sign the Book of the Elect during the Rite of Sending or at another time prior to the ROE. (OCIA, 113)

RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS AND OF CALLING THE CANDIDATES TO CONTINUING CONVERSION (OCIA, 547-561)

Diocesan Rite: Jenny Craig Pavilion, Sunday, **MARCH 1, 2026 3:00pm**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 8, 2026

FIRST SCRUTINY (OCIA, 150-156)

HANDING ON OF THE CREED (OCIA, 157-163) (During Third Week of Lent)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 15, 2026

SECOND SCRUTINY (OCIA, 164-170)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 22, 2026

THIRD SCRUTINY (OCIA, 171-177)

HANDING ON OF THE LORD'S PRAYER (OCIA, 178-184) (During the Fifth Week of Lent)

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2026

rites of immediate preparation (OCIA, 185-205) (HOLY SATURDAY MORNING)

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (OCIA, 206-243) (VIGIL MASS)

EASTER APRIL 5, 2026



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RITE OF ELECTION AND OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES
WHO ARE PREPARING FOR RECEPTION INTO THE FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A, FEBRUARY 22, 2026
AN ORDER OF SERVICE WITHIN MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Hymn
Sign of the Cross
Greeting
Introduction
Penitential Act
Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD (Year A) OCIA 128

First Reading First Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2026
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm Responsorial Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading *Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19*

Verse before the Gospel *Matthew 4:4b*
One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel *Matthew 4:1-11*
Homily OCIA 550

**RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS AND OF
CALLING THE CANDIDATES TO CONTINUING CONVERSION**

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Intercessions for the needs of the Church and the world and Profession of Faith 137

Creed 137

"For pastoral reasons, the Universal Prayer and the Creed may be omitted." 137

Presentation and Preparation of the Offerings

Presentation Hymn

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface Dialogue

Preface

Preface: The Temptation of the Lord

Holy, holy, holy

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Fraction of the Bread

Lamb of God...

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, ...

Communion Hymn(s)

Prayer after Communion

CONCLUDING RITE

[Announcements]

Greeting

Blessing

Prayer over the People

Dismissal of the Assembly

[Closing Hymn]

128. The rite should be celebrated within Mass of the First Sunday of Lent, after the Homily. If the Rite happens to be celebrated on another day, it begins with the Liturgy of the Word. In this case, if the readings of the day are not suitable, they should be chosen from those assigned to the First Sunday of Lent, or other suitable texts. The proper Ritual Mass for the Election or Enrollment of names may be celebrated with the color violet on any day except those listed in nos. 1-4 of the table of Liturgical Days.

If, however, the Eucharist is not celebrated, the Rite is concluded with the dismissal of both the elect and the faithful.





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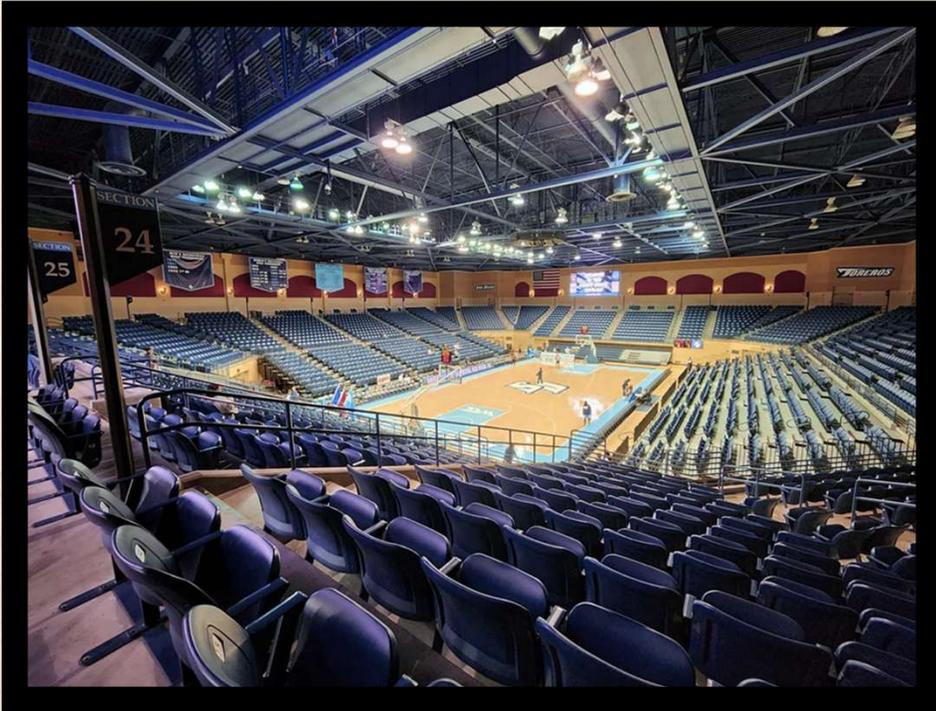
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MAIN ENTRANCE



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SECTIONS 1 to 26



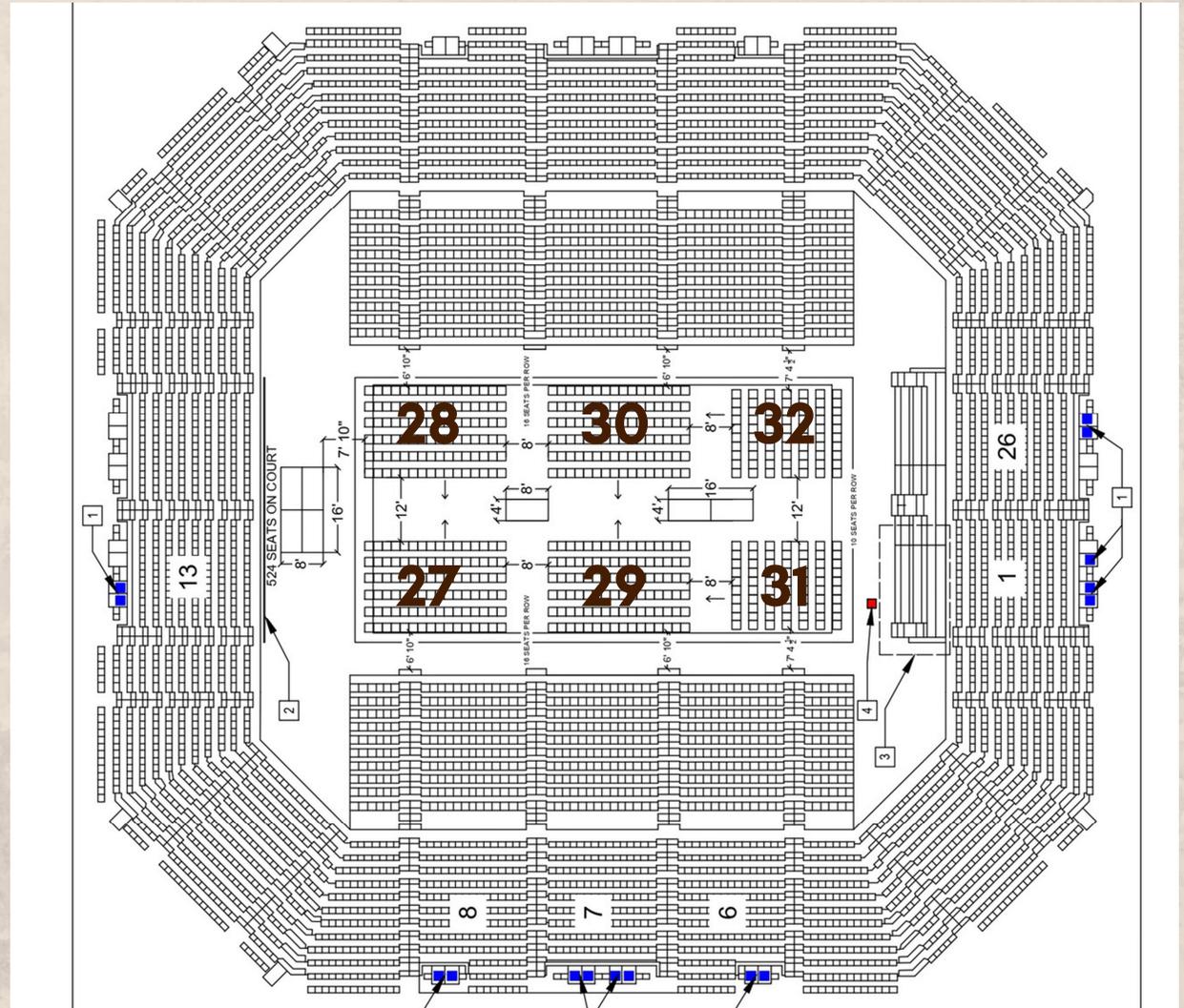
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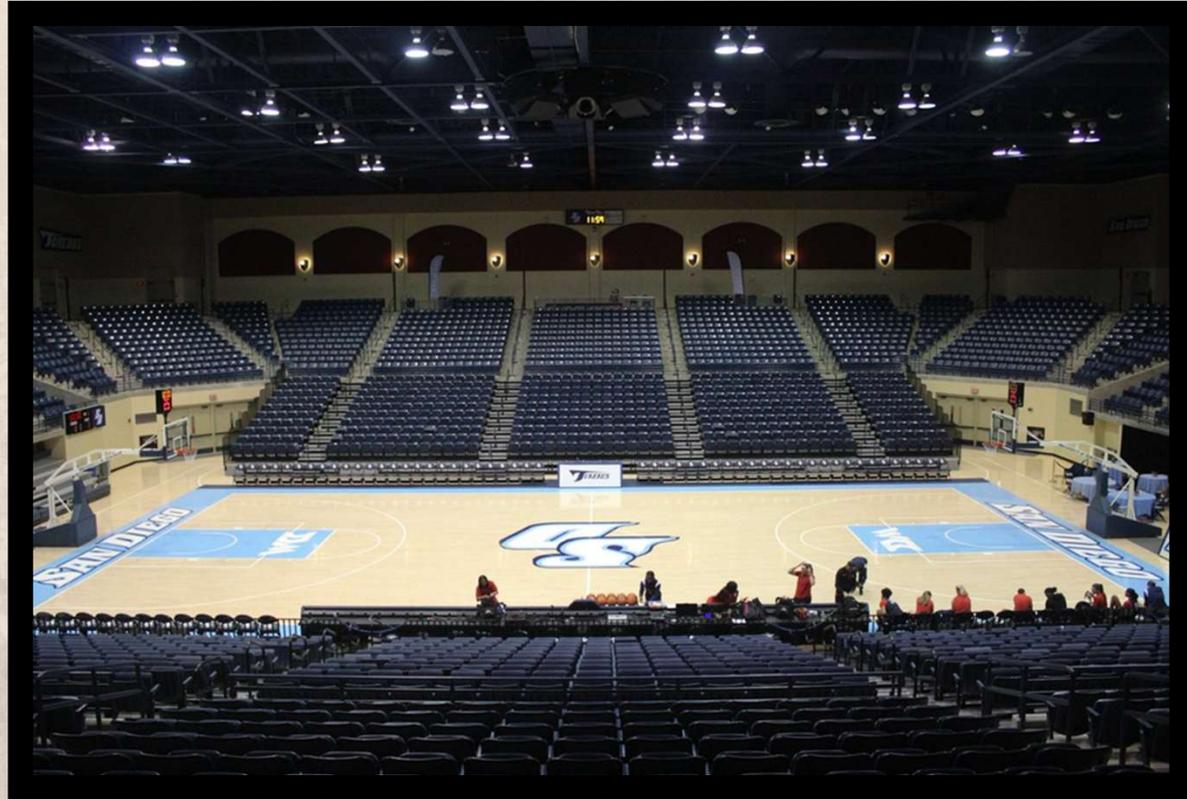


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PARKING STRUCTURE



Parking is Free on
Sundays

Use the East Entrance
Alcala Park Way to access
the campus



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CEREMONY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Rehearsal for Book Bearers- 1:00 PM

Seating Area Open- 1:30 PM

Be Seated by 2:30 PM

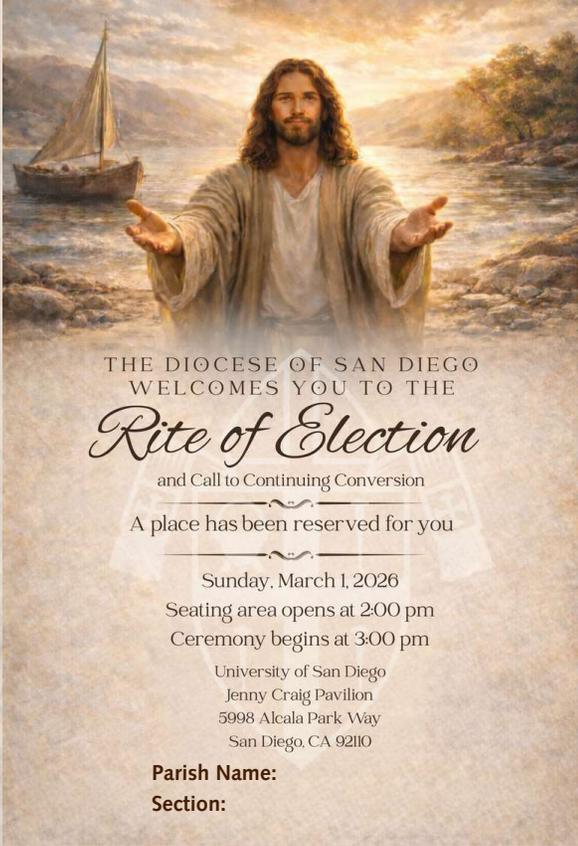
Choral Presentation- 2:45 PM

Ceremony- 3:00 PM



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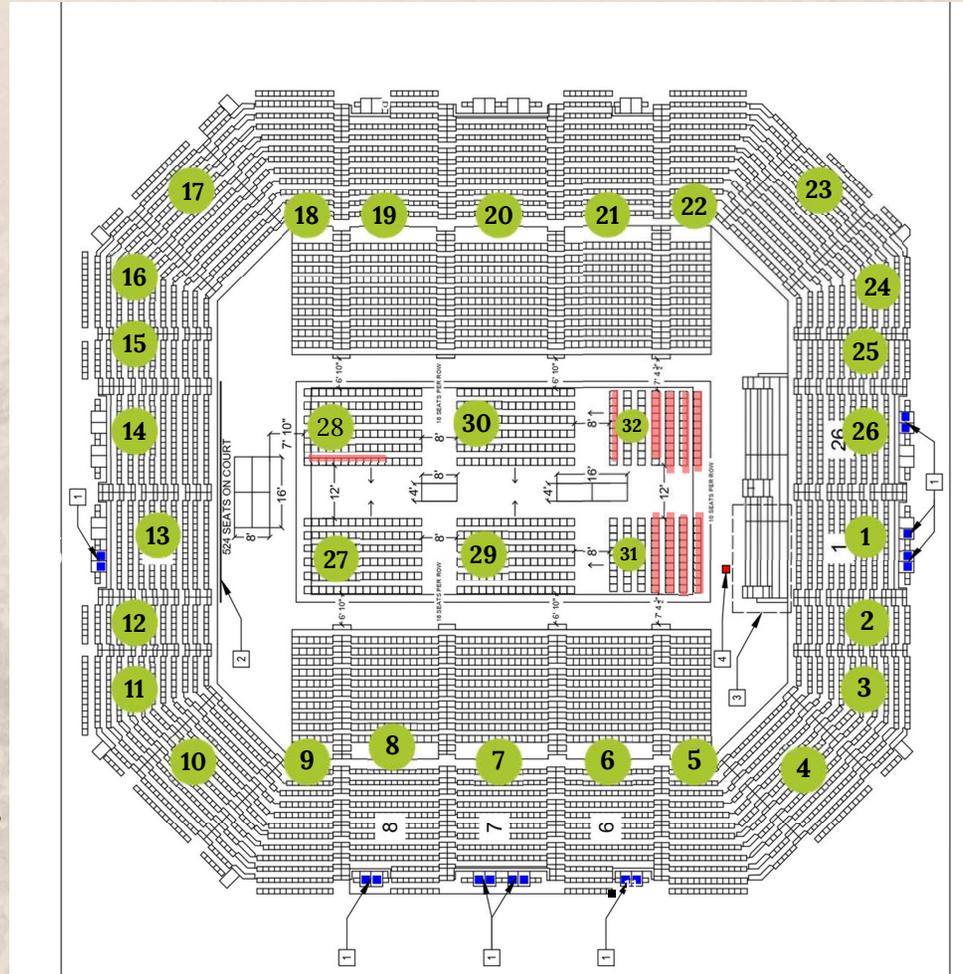
RESERVATION CARDS



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ASSIGNED SEATING FOR PARISHES



Seating arrangements are designated by section on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please don't reserve more seats than you have requested, as we are full. Parishes with special needs requests have been placed accordingly.

There are areas for wheelchairs at the top of sections 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 19, 21, 23, 24, and 26

The seat assignments are detailed on the holder's Reservation Card.



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● Sections

34 Wheelchair
access

PARISH BOOK BEARERS

- Parish Book Bearers must check in and pick up their parish badge before entering the seating area.
- There is designated seating for all parish book bearers apart from their parish group.
- Every parish/community is required to have a Book of the Elect. If they do not have one, they can purchase one from us. No binders or loose pages will be accepted.



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BOOK OF THE ELECT SIGNING



- Each Parish/Community has been tasked to assign a designated book bearer.
- Regardless of how many pages of names they have, only **ONE page will be signed.**
- The Calling of the Parishes will take place as the bishop is signing the Books of the Elect.
- As each parish is named, the catechumens will stand.
- Please remain standing until the next parish is called.



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REMINDERS



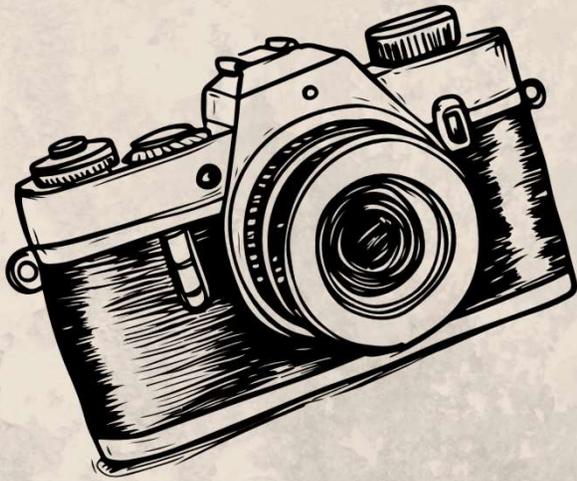
- Attire: Dress in your **"Sunday best."**
- We ask for a **respectful and reverent disposition.** Please no food or drinks (except water).
- Silence cell phones and electronic devices.
- Everyone **has to have a Reservation Card. No Access** to the JCP **without** a Reservation card. These will NOT be collected.
- All parishes are expected to be seated at the time of the Choral Presentation.



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PICTURES OF THE CEREMONY

Pictures of the **book signing** during ceremony will be taken **by our diocesan photographer.**



Photos will be made available for parishes to download **two weeks** after the ceremonies. The information to access the photos will be sent through Flocknote.



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PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES



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QUESTIONS?



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