

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion
February 25, 2023 10:00am❖ Saint Anthony, Imperial
Outline of Order of Service

9:50am: Ceremony Begins-Welcome Announcement
Preludes: [*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*](#) (Brian Doerksen);
[*Open My Eyes/Abre Mis Ojos*](#) (Manibussan)

10:00am: *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion*
Processional Hymn: [*Our God is Here/Dios Esta Aqui*](#) (Muglia, Diaz)
Greeting and Opening Prayer
Reading: **Romans 5:12, 17-19**
Responsorial Psalm: [*Salmo 24 \(25\): A Ti, Señor/To You, O Lord*](#), (Hurd)
Gospel Acclamation : *Praise to You, O Lord, King of Eternal Glory*, Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante (Hurd)
Gospel: **Matthew 4:1-11**
Gospel Acclamation (repeated)
(All are seated following the acclamation.)

Signing of the Book of Elect

Presentation of the Catechumens and Candidates

- **ALL** Catechumens and Candidates will be invited to **STAND**.
- When all are standing we applaud, then all are **SEATED**.

Homily

†**Celebration of Election**†

Affirmation by the Godparents and the Assembly

All Catechumens will be invited to **STAND**. 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**.

Invitation and Act of Election

- The Bishop now addresses the Catechumens as to their intention to participate in the Easter Sacraments. He concludes by asking:
Therefore, do you wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist?
Catechumens: **WE DO**.
- The Bishop now formally declares the Catechumens as members of the Elect in these words: *I now declare you to be members of the elect, to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the next Easter Vigil.*
Catechumens: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**
Sung Acclamation of Assent
- All are then **SEATED**.

†Call to Continuing Conversion†

Affirmation by the Sponsors and the Assembly

- All Candidates will be invited to **STAND**. 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

- The Bishop now formally recognizes the candidates in these words:
Beloved candidates, 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!**
Sung Acclamation of Assent
- Remain **STANDING** while the assembly stands for the Intercessions

Intercessions for the Elect and the Candidates: *Bilingual Intercessions*, Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante (Hurd)

Prayer over the Elect and Candidates

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn: [*Take Up Your Cross*](#), (Cortez)