

January 20, 2023



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Pastors of the Diocese of San Diego  
FROM: Noreen McInnes  
CC: Marioly Galvan *mm*  
RE: 2023 Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

Office for  
Liturgy & Spirituality

In anticipation of the upcoming celebration for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, please take note of the following:

**FOR PARISHES ATTENDING A DIOCESAN RITE OF ELECTION AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION:**

- ✦ The Rite of Sending is celebrated in the parish at a suitable time prior to the ROE. (RCIA, 108)
- ✦ Parishes participating in a Diocesan Rite of Election on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> may consider celebrating the Rite of Sending at your Parish on Saturday morning, February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- ✦ Parishes participating in one of the Diocesan Rites on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> may consider celebrating the Rite of Sending, at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> or at a Sunday Morning Mass on February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ✦ The Rite of Sending takes place after the homily in a celebration of a Liturgy of the Word or Mass. (RCIA,128)
- ✦ For only catechumens, use the Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election: (RCIA, 111-116)
- ✦ For both catechumens and candidates, use the Combined Rite for Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop: (RCIA, 530-546)
- ✦ The Rite of Election and the Call Continuing Conversion may be celebrated at a later date in your parish during a community celebration of a Liturgy of the Word or a Mass for those that missed the Diocesan Rite due to illness. See below.

**FOR PARISHES NOT ATTENDING A DIOCESAN RITE OF ELECTION AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION:**

- ✦ The Rite of Sending is not celebrated if the Right of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion (ROE) is celebrated at your parish.
- ✦ The signing of the Book of the Elect takes place during your parish ROE.
- ✦ The pastor, as the Bishop's delegate, will sign the Book of the Elect. (RCIA, 548)
- ✦ The ROE may be celebrated during a Liturgy of the Word or during Mass. (RCIA, 128)
- ✦ When the rite is celebrated within Mass, the rite takes place after the homily, and should be celebrated within the Mass of the First Sunday of Lent (RCIA, 128)

- ✦ When celebrated outside Mass, the rite takes place after the readings and the homily and is concluded with the dismissal of both the elect and the faithful. (RCIA, 128)
- ✦ For an Order of Service for ROE within Mass on the First Sunday of Lent, a script for ROE within Mass in English and Spanish, and a script for ROE within a Liturgy of the Word can be found here: [www.sdcatholic.org/roe](http://www.sdcatholic.org/roe)
- ✦ Another rite may be celebrated at a later date during a community celebration of a Liturgy of the Word or a Mass for those catechumens that missed the parish Rite of Election due to illness.

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