

Rite of Election: Final Reminders Memorandum

Dear Pastors, RCIA Directors, and Catechists,

Here are some essential reminders as we approach the Rite of Election at the cathedral this Sunday, February 18, 2023. Remember, this is **not a Mass**, only a Liturgy of the Word + Rite of Election--so go to Mass beforehand!

REGISTRATION:

- If you have NOT received a reply from Diane Campbell in response to your registration email, please RE-SEND your Excel spreadsheet to RiteofElection@rcab.org with parish names and catechumens' names ASAP so we can be sure to include your catechumens. Excel registration sheet is attached at bottom for your convenience.

BEFORE YOU GO:

- Have your catechumens (only those to be baptized) **sign your parish or collaborative Book of the Elect**, either at Sunday Mass this weekend as part of the Rite of Sending (RCIA #106-117), OR any other time before coming to the cathedral.
- **Bring your signed BOOK of the ELECT** with you!

WHO:

- **All catechumens, their sponsors, and RCIA directors.**
 - If a sponsor cannot attend, a proxy may stand in their place.
- Family and friends are of course welcome to attend in support!

WHEN:

- **Arrive at the cathedral at 1:30pm** to allow time for registration, seating, bathrooms
- **2:00pm Liturgy begins** (lasting 60-75 minutes)

WHAT:

- Find the **right registration table** by TOWN NAME/S:
- Only one person/RCIA group leader needs to check in at the registration tables

SEATING:

- Parish RCIA groups may sit anywhere; there is no reserved or assigned seating

OUTLINE OF THE LITURGY:

Here is a simple outline of the parts of the afternoon requiring specific participation:

- Liturgy of the Word, including Cardinal's Homily
- **Presentation of the Catechumens:**

- A reader will call a parish name, followed by the names of each of that parish's catechumens, who will rise from their places with their sponsors and process to the front of the Cathedral, below the Altar Steps
- That parish's/collaborative's RCIA coordinator/director/catechist/designate **should rise to accompany the parish catechumens & sponsors AND bring up the group's pre-signed Book of the Elect**
- Once all catechumens, sponsors, and RCIA leaders are assembled before the altar, someone will say: "I invite all parish catechists to hold their Books of the Elect up for the Cardinal to see."
- Once all parish catechists hold their Books of the Elects up, the reader will address the Cardinal: "Your Eminence, these are the names of the candidates." He will then declare them to be members of the Elect!
- Intercessions and Blessing

WHERE:

- Cathedral of the Holy Cross
 - 1400 Washington St.
 - Boston, MA 02118
 - <http://holycrossboston.com/>

TO TAKE THE T:

- Info here: <https://holycrossboston.com/visit/>
- *SILVER LINE (SL4)* Exit at Union Park Street Station;
 - Walk west down Washington Street and the cathedral is just ahead.
- *ORANGE LINE* Exit at Back Bay Station;
 - Walk south down Dartmouth Street;
 - Continue south on West Dedham Street.
 - The cathedral is about a half-mile walk from Back Bay Station.

PARKING INFO:

- There is no lot at the cathedral itself, but there are a number of pay parking lots nearby.
- Put any of these addresses into your GPS for easy parking on arrival.
 - 500 Harrison Ave, Boston, MA 02118
 - \$9 for the first 2 hours, \$3 per hour and \$24 per day
 - 274 Albany St, Boston, MA 02118, (under the expressway)
 - \$2.50 per hour \$20 per day
 - 324 Albany St, Boston, MA 02118, (under the expressway)
 - \$2.50 per hour \$20 per day
- At the discretion of the parking management company, any lot may become unavailable because of snow.
- Rates are subject to change.

- If some lots are closed because of snow, the lots under the Expressway remain available.
- Please allow 5-10 minutes to walk over to the cathedral from these lots. Those needing ramp and elevator access into the cathedral may be dropped off on Union Park St.; it is the one-way street between Harrison Ave. and Washington St.