



**LITURGICAL DIRECTIVES
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS
AND OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES**

**OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021**

Archbishop Nelson Perez delegates for this year all priests in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to conduct the second step of Christian initiation, the Election or the Enrollment of Names, on the First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021. The Rite of Election or Enrollment of Names may take place with Mass, including the Anticipated Mass for the First Sunday of Lent.

Parish priests and those who assist them with the Christian Initiation of Adults should familiarize themselves with the instructions in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, nos. 118-128, 129-137, for the Rite of Election or Enrollment of names. The Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion for the already baptized candidates (see the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, nos. 446-449, 450-458) can take place at a convenient time at the beginning of Lent and also with Mass. It is also possible to combine the celebration of the Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates on the First Sunday of Lent (see the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, nos. 550—561). This combined celebration can also take place with Mass. The Rites of Sending are not celebrated this year.

Following the First Sunday of Lent, you are asked to submit the number of catechumens that participated in the Rite of Election and of candidates that participated in the Call to Continuing Conversion. Please use the link below to submit this information:

<https://form.jotform.com/210114687466154>

The other rites for the Elect and Candidates are observed as usual during Lent, the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, as described in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

Please see the attached flyer for a Lenten retreat opportunity for the Elect and Candidates.

Christian Initiation Coordinators who are not priests, deacons or DRE's are asked to send their contact information to Mary Ann Johnson in the Office for Divine Worship. Please use the link below to submit this information:

<https://form.jotform.com/210125930143038>

Please see the February Monthly Mailing, Office for Divine Worship, for more complete information about Christian Initiation and Lent. It is available now on the website of the Office for Divine Worship, <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/monthly-mailings/>.

Please see the helpful link below for answers to some frequently asked questions.

<http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Christian-Initiation-FAQ.pdf>

Thank you so very much for your continued generous assistance throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at fr.dgill@archphila.org.

In Christ,
Father Dennis Gill,
Director
Office for Divine Worship