

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, C**  
**SENDING OF THE CATECHUMENS FOR ELECTION** and/or  
**SENDING THE CANDIDATES FOR RECOGNITION BY THE BISHOP....**

*See R.C.I.A., No. 114 ff., No. 441 ff., No. 543 ff.*

**Priest Celebrant**

Brothers and Sisters,  
whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!

**Deacon/Cantor/Reader**

For [ \_\_\_\_\_ and]  
the catechumens of our diocese and of the Church universal,  
as their bishops elect them to the Easter Sacraments of Initiation,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For their perseverance to be reborn in Jesus Christ, slain and risen;  
for their enlightenment and purification in Him this Lent,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For their sponsors, godparents, families, and teachers,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For [ \_\_\_\_\_ and all]  
Candidates to Full Communion with the Catholic Church;  
for candidates to Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony, Holy Orders,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For the renewal of one another in prayer, penance, alms-giving this Lent,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For the armed forces; for peace at home and abroad,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For [ \_\_\_\_\_ and all] our sick,  
let us pray to the Lord

For [ \_\_\_\_\_ ],  
those lost in war, natural disasters and everyone who has died this week,  
let us pray to the Lord:

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*Modify according to gender and number:*

Father of love and power,  
whose will it is to establish everything in Christ  
and to draw us into his all-embracing love,  
guide [*this catechumen*] [*and this candidate*]  
in the days and weeks ahead:  
strengthen *him* in *his* vocation,  
build *him* into the kingdom of your Son,  
and seal *him* with the Spirit of your promise.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.