

Monsignor, Father, Deacon,

Greetings in the Lord!

This First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021, the Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the Call to Continuing Conversion that typically takes place in the Cathedral Basilica, with the Archbishop presiding, is to be carried out in the parishes with a priest presiding. The Archbishop delegates the priests of the Archdiocese to conduct these rites as outlined in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. This decision was made due to a variety of circumstances surrounding the fitting celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and the pandemic. There is no need to submit any additional information to the Office for Divine Worship.

Catechesis and instructions on the celebration of these rites in the parishes will be forthcoming from the Office for Divine Worship. In the same way, directives with regard to Ash Wednesday and Lent will be provided as soon as they are available.

Thank you and God bless,
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