



Office for Evangelization and
Catechetical Ministry

November 15, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: RCIA Coordinators

FROM: María Olivia “Marioly” Galván, Chancellor
Director, Office for Evangelization and Catechetical Ministry

RE: Diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

The Diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will take place on **Sunday, March 10, 2019** at Golden Hall at the San Diego Concourse. In 2006, the Bishop delegated pastors and chaplains to celebrate the Rite of Election for children and youth in their own parish or faith community. The Letter of Delegation to Pastors can be found [here](#). (If children/youth desire to attend, catechumens and candidates under 18 years of age are welcome, but must be in the company of a parent or guardian.)

The Parish Reservation Form is available online. You will have the option to pay online as well as by check. **The deadline to submit your form is January 18, 2019.** No forms will be mailed. If choosing to pay by check, the deadline for all payments is no later than **February 4, 2019.**

The main doors to Golden Hall will open at 2:30 pm on March 10, 2019. We will continue to issue Reservation Cards to accommodate the large number of participants. All seating is reserved; parish groups will have assigned seats. Pre-rite and post-rite picture appointments can also be scheduled at the time of registration.

SPECIAL NOTE: Bishop McElroy has decided to include the signing of the Book of the Elect within the Rite. The new procedure will be reviewed during the ROE training and all updates will be included in the materials posted online. At the time of registration, each parish/community will be asked to designate a representative (Pastor, deacon, RCIA coordinator or RCIA parish team member) to be the Book Bearer. This individual will participate in the Rite and must be available to attend the rehearsal for Book Bearers scheduled for 1:50– 2:20 pm at Golden Hall on March 10th. Additional information will be outlined in the Order of Service and at the ROE training.

Also, for your convenience, all ROE information, forms and registration can be accessed via:

www.sdatholic.org/ROE

Rite of Election Training for RCIA Coordinators:

Two meetings are scheduled:

February 26, 2019 at 10:30 am at the Diocesan Pastoral Center

February 27, 2019 at 10:00 am at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Imperial

A representative from each parish is required to attend this meeting. The training will address instructions for the day, the new Book of the Elect signing procedure, pertinent information regarding the venue and the distribution of parish packets containing seating information and reservation cards for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. If you are unable to attend the meeting, send a representative from your parish RCIA team or contact our office to make alternate arrangements.

An **Outline of the Order of Service** in English and in Spanish can also be accessed via www.sdcatholic.org/ROE. You are encouraged to review the Rites and the readings with your Catechumens and Candidates. Also, please review the new Book Bearer procedures with the designated person from your parish and your RCIA team.

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Each Candidate or Catechumen is eligible to receive a free **1-year** subscription to *The Southern Cross*, by mailing in a postcard which will be included in the packet you will receive at the Rite of Election Training.

Schedule for the Rite of Election:

1:50 – 2:20 p.m.	<u>NEW: Book of the Elect Bearers Rehearsal for book signing</u>
2:30 p.m.	Concourse and Golden Hall doors open
3:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Ceremony begins-Choral Presentation
4:00 – 5:15 p.m.	Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

Important Dates:

January 18, 2019	Deadline for reservation forms
February 4, 2019	Parish fee of \$400 due
February 26, 2019	Obtain packets at ROE Training, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 10:30 am
February 27, 2019	Obtain packets at ROE Training, St. Anthony of Padua, Imperial. 10:00 am
March 6, 2019	Ash Wednesday

March 10, 2019 Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at Golden Hall

April 11, 2019 Chrism Mass at Good Shepherd Parish at 4:00 p.m.
(For RCIA leaders and team)

For questions, please email Lupita Pérez at lperez@sdccatholic or call 858-490-8232.