Office for Evangelization and
Catechetical Ministry

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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 1, 2020. We have a NEW Venue!** The event will be held at the **Town and Country Hotel Convention Center. Please take note of this important update.**
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 February 1, 2020.** No forms will be mailed. If choosing to pay by check, the deadline for all payments is no later than **February 7, 2020.**

The main doors to the Grand Exhibit Hall will open at 2:30 pm on March 1, 2020. 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.

The Book of the Elect will be signed within the Rite. The new procedure that went into effect in 2019 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 the Town and Country Grand Exhibit Hall on March 1st. 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.sdcatholic.org/ROE

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Rite of Election Training for RCIA Coordinators:

Two meetings are scheduled:

February 18, 2020 at 10:30 am at the Diocesan Pastoral Center
February 19, 2020 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 Book of the Elect signing procedure, pertinent information regarding the new venue and the distribution of parish packets containing seating information, photo appointment, 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 Book Bearer procedures with the designated person from your parish and your RCIA team.

Free subscription to The Southern Cross:

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.	**Book of the Elect Bearers Rehearsal for book signing**
2:30 p.m.	Grand Exhibit 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:

February 1, 2020	Deadline for reservation forms
February 7, 2020	Parish fee of $400 due
February 18, 2020	Obtain packets at ROE Training, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 10:30 am
February 19, 2020	Obtain packets at ROE Training, St. Anthony of Padua, Imperial. 10:00 am
February 26, 2020	Ash Wednesday
March 1, 2020	***Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at Golden Hall***
April 2, 2020	Chrism Mass at Good Shepherd Parish at 4:00 p.m. (For RCIA leaders and team)

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