Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

March 5, 2022 10:00am❖ Saint Anthony, Imperial

## Outline of Order of Service

**9:50am:** Ceremony Begins-Welcome Announcement

Preludes: [*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*](https://songselect.ccli.com/Songs/2430948/come-now-is-the-time-to-worship)(Doerksen);

[*Open My Eyes/Abre Mis Ojos*](https://www.ocp.org/en-us/songs/2162/open-my-eyes)(Manibussan)

**10:00am: *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion***

Processional Hymn: [*Our God is Here/Dios Esta Aqui*](https://www.ocp.org/en-us/songs/65829/our-god-is-here?p=30147303#guitar) (Muglia, Diaz)

Greeting and Opening Prayer – **Bishop** **Robert W. McElroy**

Reading**: Romans 5:12, 17-19**

# Responsorial Psalm: [Salmo 24 (25): A Ti, Señor/To You, O Lord](https://www.ocp.org/en-us/songs/31336/a-ti-senor-to-you-o-lord), (Hurd)

Gospel Acclamation : *Praise to You, O Lord, King of Eternal Glory,* Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante (Hurd)

Gospel: **Matthew 4:1-11**

Gospel Acclamation (repeated)

*(All are seated following the acclamation.)*

**Signing of the Book of Elect**

**Presentation of the Catechumens and Candidates**

* **ALL** Catechumens and Candidates will be invited to **STAND**.
* When all are standing we applaud, then all are **SEATED**.

**Homily – Bishop Robert W. McElroy**

**†Celebration of Election†**

**Affirmation by the Godparents and the Assembly**

All Catechumens will be invited to **STAND**. The Bishop first addresses the Godparents to determine whether the Catechumens are sufficiently prepared for this important step.

* The Godparent’s response to the **THREE** questions of the Bishop is: ***THEY HAVE***.
1. The Bishop then addresses the assembly asking if they are ready to support the testimony about the Catechumens. Assembly’s response is: ***WE ARE*.**

**Invitation and Act of Election**

1. The Bishop now addresses the Catechumens as to their intention to participate in the Easter Sacraments. He concludes by asking:

Therefore, do you wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist?

 Catechumens: ***WE DO***.

1. The Bishop now formally declares the Catechumens as members of the Elect in these words: *I now declare you to be members of the elect, to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the next Easter Vigil.*

Catechumens: ***THANKS BE TO GOD****!*

 Sung Acclamation of Assent

* All are then **SEATED**.

**†Call to Continuing Conversion†**

**Affirmation by the Sponsors and the Assembly**

1. All Candidates will be invited to **STAND**. The Bishop first addresses the Sponsors to determine whether the Candidates are sufficiently prepared for this important step.
2. The Sponsor’s response to the **FOUR** questions of the Bishop is: ***THEY HAVE****.*
3. The Bishop then addresses the assembly asking if they are ready to support the testimony about the Candidates. Assembly’s response is: ***WE ARE***.

**Act of Recognition**

1. The Bishop now formally recognizes the candidates in these words:

 *Beloved candidates, the Church recognizes your desire to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and to have a place at Christ’s Eucharistic table. Join with us this Lent in a spirit of repentance. Hear the Lord’s call to conversion and be faithful to your baptismal covenant.*

 Candidates: ***THANKS BE TO GOD!***

 Sung Acclamation of Assent

* Remain **STANDING** while the assembly stands for the Intercessions

Intercessions for the Elect and the Candidates: *Bilingual Intercessions*, Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante (Hurd)

Prayer over the Elect and Candidates

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn: [*Take Up Your Cross*](https://www.ocp.org/en-us/songs/87769/take-up-your-cross)*,* (Cortez)