

9am – Sunday, March 17 – RITE OF SENDING

Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors:

Please gather in the St. Peter Room no later than **8:30am** for name tags and any last-minute instructions. Attire is normal attire for Mass. (No flip-flops and strapless or spaghetti-strapped tops.) Sit in the designated pews.

When Bryan says your name, please come forward with your sponsor and stand before Fr. Mike

Sponsors of Catechumens: Fr. Mike will ask you three questions:

Have they taken their formation in the Gospel and the Catholic way of life seriously?

Sponsors answer: ***They have***

Have they given evidence of their conversion by the example of their lives?

Sponsors answer: ***They have***

Do you judge them to be ready to be presented to the bishop for the rite of election?

Sponsors answer: ***We do***

Sponsors of Candidates: Fr. Mike will ask you one question:

As God is your witness, do you consider these candidates ready to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church?

Sponsors answer: ***We do***

Fr. Mike will then invite the Catechumens & Candidates to come forward to sign the Book of the Elect. Sponsors will follow and stand by you as you sign the book. The person on the furthest right side of the altar and sponsor will step up and go behind the altar to sign the Book, with everyone else following along. After signing your name, return the front of the altar where you began.

When the last person returns to their spot in front of the altar, there will be the reading of the Intercessions and a few more prayers. Fr. Mike will then say a prayer over you and dismiss you.

You will follow instructor to St. Peter Room. Sponsors will return to their pew for remainder of the Mass.

You are free to go when released by instructor. See you Tuesday at 6:30pm in St. Peter Room.

7pm – Tuesday, March 19 – RITE OF ELECT / CONTINUING TO CONVERSION

Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors:

Please gather in the St. Peter Room no later than **6:30pm** for name tags and any last-minute instructions. Attire is normal attire for Mass. (No flip-flops and strapless or spaghetti-strapped tops.) Sit in the designated pews.

You each have a copy of the Rite of Elect. I do not know the order of when each Parish will be called forward, we will follow as directed. In many ways it will feel very similar to Sunday. However, Catechumens and Candidates will be called in two separate groups, with Catechumens being the first.

Bryan and other Catechists will be called forward. When your name is read, please stand in place. After the names are read, then sponsors (Godparents) will be asked to stand.

Bishop Peter will have three questions for sponsors...

Sponsors answer: **They have** (to all three questions)

Bishop Peter will ask assembly a question...

Assembly answers: **We are**

Bishop Peter will ask Catechumens: Therefore, do you wish to enter fully....etc.

Catechumens answer: **We do**

Stephen Hauge will process our group up the altar, stopping in front of Bishop Peter, bowing, raising the Book, then placing it upon the altar. Bishop Peter will sign the Book. Stephen will then take the book and return to their seat. Then each sponsor will introduce their Catechumen to the Bishop, "This is _____(name)" (The Bishop will likely shake your hand.) You will then return to your seat.

After all are back in their seats, Bishop Peter will declare you members of the Elect.

Catechumens answer: **Thanks be to God**

Next will be the Candidates – Call to Continuing Conversion

Bryan and other Catechists will be called forward again to read the names. Candidates will stand when their name is called. Sponsors will then be asked to stand.

Bishop Peter will have four questions for the sponsors...

Sponsors answer: **They have** (to all four questions)

Bishop Peter will ask assembly a question...

Assembly answers: **We are**

Bishop Peter will recognize your desire to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit....etc.

Candidates answer: **Thanks be to God**

Candidates will be invited to come forward with their sponsors to be introduced to Bishop Peter. Each sponsor will introduce their Candidate to the Bishop, "This is _____(name)" (The Bishop will likely shake your hand.) You will then return to your seat.

Intercessions and closing prayers.

Reception in Holy Family Hall (gym) to follow.