

rites that mark beginning of purification and enlightenment stage

BOTH ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

***Rite of Sending Forth of Catechumens for Election and
Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop**

9:30a Mass-St. Mary's Church (arrive at 8:45a)



***Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion**

3:00p at Shrine (arrive no later than 2:00p)

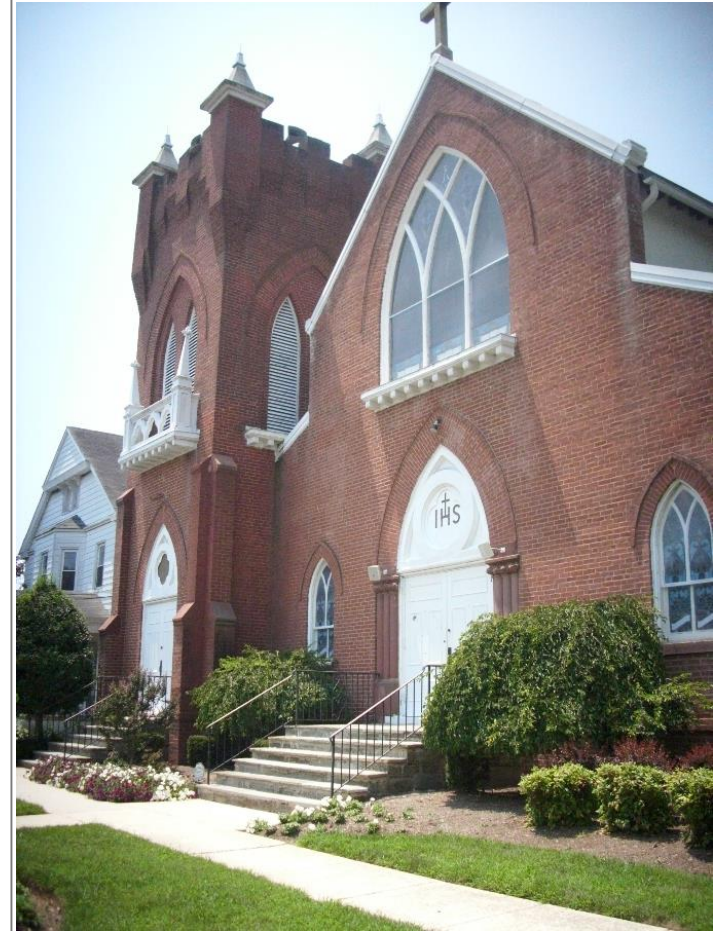
AT BOTH:

**Reserved seats for Catechumens, Candidates, Coming Home Catholic & Sponsors*

**AT Shrine: Do not have reserved seats for family and some team at Shrine. Will talk more about that.*

First Rite

**Rite of Sending Forth
of
Catechumens for Election
(Brittany, Olivia)
and
Candidates for Recognition
(Denise)
by the Bishop
*(at St. Mary's)***



**Coming Home Catholic
receive a blessing by Fr. LaHood**

CATECHUMENS AND THE RITE OF SENDING FORTH

(Brittany, Olivia)

CATECHUMENS are expected (RCIA 120 & 121)

- ✓ To have undergone a conversion in mind, and in action.
- ✓ To have developed a sufficient acquaintance with Christian teaching as well as a spirit of faith and charity.
- ✓ With deliberate will and an enlightened faith to have the intention to receive the sacraments of the Church. *(Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)*

CHURCH (Sponsors): Affirms the state of formation and progress of Catechumen and **SENDS** them to celebrate Election by the Bishop.



AFFIRMATION BY THE SPONSORS

(Michalah & Katherine)

OF THE CATECHUMENS

While the Bishop declares the catechumens to be members of the elect, it is the local community:

- Who makes “the preliminary judgment” about the catechumens “formation and progress” during the period of the Catechumenate
- Expresses its approval of the catechumen
- Sends them for to celebration of the Rite of Election



To send someone to the bishop means that they have discerned that the catechumen is ready for the final stages of preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation.

AFFIRMATION BY THE SPONSORS OF THE CATECHUMENS



Questions to Sponsors about the Catechumens

(Michalah & Katherine)

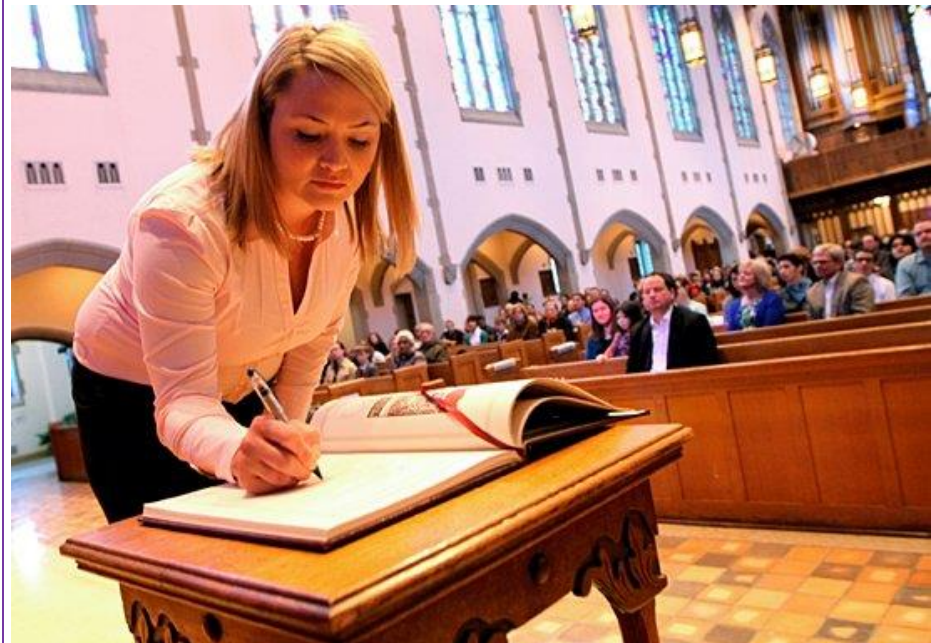
- Have they (catechumens) taken their formation in the Gospel and in the Catholic way of life seriously?
Sponsors: They have
- Have they given evidence of their conversion by the example of their lives? **Sponsors: They have**
- Do you judge them to be ready to be presented to the Bishop for the Rite of Election? **Sponsors: We do**

NO QUESTIONS TO CATECHUMENS THEMSELVES

ENROLLMENT OF NAMES IN THE BOOK OF THE ELECT

(Brittany, Olivia)

“As a pledge of fidelity, the Catechumens inscribe their names in the book that lists those who have been chosen for initiation.”
(RCIA 119)



Anointing with Oil Catechumens

(Brittany, Olivia)



- Anointing of Catechumens ONLY
 - Oil of Catechumen (on breast)
 - Symbolizes their need for God's help and strength

ANOINTING

“Celebrant to Catechumen: We anoint you in the name of Christ our Savior. May he strengthen you with his power, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.”

CANDIDATES (*Denise*)

RITE OF SENDING FORTH

CANDIDATES are expected (RCIA 541)

✓ To be ready to enter into their final period leading to their final preparation of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist or to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

✓ Feel they have listened to the Word of Christ and endeavored to follow His commands more perfectly.



CHURCH (with help of Sponsor): Affirms the state of formation and readiness of the Candidates and sends them to be recognized by the Bishop.

AFFIRMATION BY THE SPONSORS OF THE CANDIDATES *(Harry)*

Question to Sponsors about the Candidates

As God as your witness, do you consider these candidates ready to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

SPONSOR: *We do. (I Do)*



Sponsors' Discernment

- *Have these candidates faithfully listened to the apostles' instruction proclaimed by the Church?*
- *Have they come to a deeper appreciation of their Baptism, in which they were joined to Christ and his Church?*
- *Have they reflected sufficiently on the tradition of the Church, which is their heritage, and joined their brothers and sisters in prayer?*
- *Have they advanced in the life of love and service of others?*

AT THE END OF THE RITE OF SENDING

- No “Breaking open of the Word” that day.

- Will have a Dismissal

- Team member will lead all out of church as normal (*Denise, Brittany, Olivia*)
- Dismiss out if you are leaving (i.e. no family member still in mass.)
- Dismiss and you can go directly to car
- If not dismissing, go back to your seat.



SENDING THEM FORTH

✓ **CATECHUMENS** are sent forward to THE “RITE OF ELECTION” at Shrine to celebrate with the Cardinal, the Lord’s choice of their being numbered among His **elect**.

✓ **CANDIDATES** are sent forward for the “CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION” at Shrine where they are recognized by the Cardinal for their desire to come into Full Communion with the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Summary: This Rite of Sending offers the local community the opportunity to express its joy in the catechumens and candidates’ decision to send them forth to the celebration of election and recognition with the assurance of the parish’s care and support.

Second Rite

**THE RITE OF ELECTION
(Catechumens)
AND
CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION
(Candidates)**

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

ARRIVE BY 2P.M. START TIME: 3:P.M.

**at the Basilica of the National Shrine of
the Immaculate Conception**



**SPONSORS OF
CATECHUMENS
AND
CANDIDATES
MUST COME
TOO!!!!!!**

**[VIDEO: RITE OF
ELECTION/CALL TO
CONTINUING
CONVERSION 2012](#)**

Rite of Election - Catechumens



CELEBRATION OF ELECTION

**CATECHUMENS (*Brittany & Olivia*) WITH SPONSORS
ARE CALLED UP BY NAME FOR ACT OF ELECTION
– GREETED BY CARDINAL**



RITE OF ELECTION

Affirmation of Catechumens by Sponsors *(Michalah & Katherine)* & Assembly

Bishop's questions to Sponsors: Answer: "They have"

- "As God as your witness, have these catechumens faithfully listened to God's word proclaimed by the Church?"
- "Have they responded to that word and begun to walk in God's presence?"
- "Have they shared the company of their Christian brothers and sisters and joined with them in prayer?"

Bishop's question to Catechumen:

- "Do you wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist?" Answer: "We do"

ACT OF ELECTION *(for Brittany & Olivia)*

Bishop - Act of Election:

“My friends, I now declare you to be members of the **elect**, to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the next Easter Vigil.”

Bishop continues in prayer....

“God is always faithful to those He calls. It is now their duty to be faithful to Him in Return and to strive courageously to reach the fullness of truth, which your election opens you up before you.”



**CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS ARE
CALLED UP TO RITE OF CONTINUING
CONVERSION** *(Denise & Harry)*



Affirmation of Candidates by Sponsors *(Harry)* and Assembly

Bishop's questions to Sponsors: Answer: "They have"

- "Have these candidates faithfully listened to the apostles' instruction proclaimed by the Church?"
- "Have they come to a deeper appreciation of their Baptism, in which they were joined to Christ and his Church?"
- "Have they reflected sufficiently on the tradition of the Church, which is their heritage, and joined their brothers and sisters in prayer?"
- "Have they advanced in a life of love and service of others?"

CANDIDATES

Act of Recognition

(Denise)

Bishop – Act of Recognition:

“My brothers and sisters, 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.”



“What a wonderful journey, and today we simply mark this moment in your life as you step forward to say, “Lord I want to be where You are. I want to join You in Your family, hear Your word, receive these sacraments and be a part of that family you ask us to enter now and ultimately in glory.”

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Rite of Election 2011