

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE  
RITE OF CALLING THE CANDIDATES TO CONTINUING CONVERSION  
AT SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**

Date: Sunday, February 28, 2010 - Second Sunday of Lent  
Time: 2:00 pm  
Location: St. Patrick's Cathedral - Fifth Avenue, New York City

**Parish Candidates, Sponsors and Parish Representatives:**

- Must be registered for the Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion
- Parish groups will receive their SEAT ASSIGNMENTS via email by February 16, 2010.
- **Are to be in their assigned seats by 1:45 PM.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- a. **Reserved Seats are ONLY for registered Candidates, Sponsors and Parish Representatives. All other Parish guests are to find seats in the general seating area as indicated by the Ushers and Hospitality Volunteers.**
- b. **Registered Candidates, Sponsors and Parish Representatives are to sit in their ASSIGNED SEATS. Please make sure you are in the assigned seats given to your parish group.**

- + The Candidates should celebrate the ***Rite of Sending*** in their own parish before arriving for the Rite of Calling the Candidates for Continuing Conversion.
- + Please note that there are NO RESTROOMS available for public use in the Cathedral.

**Before the Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion:**

+ "As in the case of the catechumens, the preparation of these adults requires a considerable time, during which the faith infused in baptism must grow in them and take deep root through the pastoral formation they receive. A program training, catechesis suited to the needs, contact with the community of the faithful, and participation in certain liturgical rites are needed in order to strengthen them in the Christian life."  
(RCIA # 401)

+ "It is the responsibility of the parish community, to prepare the candidates for their fuller life in the Church. Through the experience of worship, daily life, and service in the parish community the candidates deepen their appreciation of the Church's tradition and universal character." (RCIA # 435)

**After the Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion:**

*"The period of catechesis for these adults should be properly coordinated with the liturgical year. This is particularly true of its final phase, which should as a rule coincide with Lent. During the Lenten season penitential services should be arranged in such a way as to prepare these adults for the celebration of the sacrament of penance."*  
(RCIA #408)

<p>For more information, contact: Catechetical Office, Archdiocese of New York, 1011 First Avenue, New York, New York 10022 Oscar Cruz, Director, Adult Catechesis, Catechumenate 212-371-1011 extension 2692 or 2851 RCIA@nyfaithformation.org</p>
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