

LITURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election at the Cathedral:

- + The Rite of Election will be celebrated within a **LITURGY OF THE WORD** not a Mass.
- + The First Reading and the Gospel of the **First Sunday of Lent** (2010) will be used at the Cathedral: **First Reading:** Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 **Gospel:** Luke 4:1-13
- + **AFTER THE HOMILY**, the **Rite of Election** will be celebrated:
 - **All the Catechumens and their Godparents STAND AT THEIR PLACES** when the Archbishop says: *“Let those who are to be chosen in Christ, please rise together with their godparents.”*
..Each godparent places his/her hand on the shoulder of his/her Catechumen.
 - **Affirmation by the Godparents:**
After each question from the Archbishop, the Godparents respond:
“**THEY HAVE!**” (when asked in English)
“**SI, LO HAN HECHO!**” (when asked in Spanish)
 - **Invitation and Enrollment of Names:**
 - a. After each question from the Archbishop, the Catechumens respond:
“**WE DO!**” (when asked in English) “**SI, QUEREMOS**” (when asked in Spanish)
 - b. **When the individual Catechumen hears his/her name called**, he/she is to come forward with his/her Godparent to the front of the Sanctuary to **SIGN** their name on the Archdiocesan **BOOK OF THE ELECT**.
Only the Catechumen signs his/her name on the page of the **Book of the Elect**.
After the signing, the Catechumen and his/her Godparent return to their seats.
 - **Act of Election:**
 - + When the Archbishop STANDS, ALL the Elect and Godparents STAND.
 - + When the Archbishop says:
 - In English:** *“I now declare you to be members of the elect, to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the next Easter Vigil”*
the Elect say: “**THANKS BE TO GOD!**”
 - In Spanish:** *“Ahora los declaro a ustedes miembros de los elegidos, para ser iniciados en los sagrados misterios durante la proxima Vigilia Pascual”*
the Elect say: “**DEMOS GRACIAS A DIOS!**”
 - ...The Assembly affirms with applause.
 - **Intercessions for the Elect:**
We ask that the **Elect KNEEL** during the General Intercessions at their place and that their Godparents stand beside them, placing their hands on the Elect.
 - **Prayer over the Elect:**
We ask that the Elect continue to kneel during the Prayer over the Elect.
 - **Final Blessing, Dismissal and Closing Hymn:** ALL STAND.