

LITURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE RITE OF CALLING THE CANDIDATES TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

- + The Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated within a **LITURGY OF THE WORD** not a Mass.
- + The Second Reading and the Gospel of the **Second Sunday of Lent** (2012) will be used:
First Reading: Romans 8: 31 - 34 **Gospel:** Mark 9: 2 - 10
- + **AFTER THE HOMILY,**
the **Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion** will be celebrated:
 - **Presentation of the Candidates:**
 - a. **The Parish Representatives**, *after the English introduction*, take their place at the center aisle microphone to introduce their parish name to the bishop.
We suggest that the Parish Representative at the microphone says the following:
“(Name of Your Parish and Town), is proud to present our Candidate(s).”
 - b. **The Candidates and their Sponsors** COME FORWARD, *when their parish name is called, and stand* around the altar facing the bishop’s chair.
 - **Affirmation by the Sponsors:**
After each question from the Bishop, the Sponsors respond:
“**THEY HAVE!**” (when asked in English)
“**SI, LO HAN HECHO!**” (when asked in Spanish)
 - **Act of Recognition:**
 - a. When the Bishop says:
 - In English:** “...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 us this Lent in a spirit of repentance. Hear the Lord’s call to conversion and be faithful to your Baptismal covenant.”
 - The Candidates say: “**THANKS BE TO GOD!**”
 - In Spanish:** “...la Iglesia reconoce su deseo de ser sellados con el don del Espiritu Santo y de participar en la mesa eucaristica de Cristo. Unanse a nosotros esta Cuaresma en un espiritu de arrepentimiento. Escuchen el llamado del Senor a la conversion y sean fieles a su alianza bautismal.”
 - The Candidates say: “**GRACIAS A DIOS!**”
 - b. **When** the Assembly applause in affirmation, the Candidates and Sponsors return to their seats.
 - **General Intercessions**
 - **The Lord’s Prayer**
 - **Prayer over the Candidates**
 - **Final Blessing, Dismissal and Closing Hymn**