

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 Second Reading and the Gospel of the **First Sunday of Lent** (2012) will be used at the Cathedral: **First Reading:** 1 Peter 3: 18 - 22 **Gospel:** Mark 1: 12 - 15
- + **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.