



## **Important Information for: Combined Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion**

### **When and where is the Combined Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion?**

The First Sunday of Lent - **Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph (140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106).

### **What should we do when arriving at the Cathedral?**

Leaders should check in with The Center for Catholic Education and Formation. Attendees should check in with their parish leader when they arrive and find their reserved seat. We ask that all participants (presenters, catechumens, candidates, and sponsors) be seated by 2:15 p.m. for a rehearsal.

### **Where should I park?**

Parking is available in the rear lot of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, on both sides of the street on Farmington Avenue, other parking will clearly marked as “Cathedral Parking”.

### **Will this fulfill the Sunday obligation?**

No, the Rite will be celebrated as a Liturgy of the Word only.

### **Who should attend this Combined Rite?**

Catechumens and candidates should be in attendance with their godparents or sponsors. Each parish should send their RCIA coordinator, as well as a presenter (who may or may not be the aforementioned).

Pastors and parochial vicars from the respective parishes, as well as RCIA team members, family, and friends are also welcome. This sacred celebration is very meaningful to the catechumens and candidates who attend, and so it is always a kind gesture to have the visible support of the parish present at the Cathedral.

### **What does The Center for Catholic Education and Formation need?**

We are thankful for your ministry and ask that you do the following:

- 1.) Submit your [electronic registration form](#) by **February 10, 2023**. Our office will be happy to assist you with the electronic form as needed.
  - a. *Please note that we will NOT be providing nametags. Parishes should prepare those accordingly if they wish, but it is not required.*
- 2.) Celebrate the Rite of Sending in your parish. This can be done the Sunday prior to or the morning of the Combined Rite. More information about this Rite can be found on our website.
- 3.) Prepare your catechumens and candidates to celebrate the Combined Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. Be sure that they each have a godparent or sponsor, and are aware of where they need to be when, as well as parking instructions.

### **What should be brought to the Combined Rite?**

Please bring two (2) copies of a typed list of the names of the catechumens and candidates who will be presented. This will be read when presenting the group. One copy should be given to The Center for Catholic Education and Formation representative at the check in table when your group arrives at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph.

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### **Vocabulary to Know:**

**Catechumen:** one who is not baptized (can be an adult or a child) who is preparing to be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

**Candidate for Full Communion:** a baptized non-Catholic who will be welcomed into full communion in the Roman Catholic Church.

**Candidate (Baptized Catholic):** a baptized Catholic adult who is preparing for the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

**Presenter:** a representative from the parish, who will read the names of the catechumens and candidates from that parish during the Combined Rite.