+ The Archdiocesan Rite of Election will be celebrated within a LITURGY OF THE WORD - not a Mass.

+ The Sunday Mass readings for the First Sunday of Lent (2024) will be used:
  First Reading: (proclaimed in Spanish)
  Second Reading: (proclaimed in English)
  Gospel: (proclaimed in English)

+ AFTER THE HOMILY, the Rite of Election will be celebrated:
  - All the catechumens and their godparents STAND AT THEIR PLACES when the Cardinal 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 Cardinal, the godparents respond: “THEY HAVE!”

  - **Invitation and Enrollment of Names:**
    a. After each question from the Cardinal, the catechumens respond: “WE DO!”
    b. THEN ……. 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 Cardinal stands, ALL the Elect and godparents STAND.
    + When the Cardinal says:
      “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!”
      …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.