



December 2021

Dear Pastor and Coordinator of the Catechumenate (RCIA),

His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan invites those catechumens (the unbaptized) who participated in their parish Catechumenate (RCIA) process and are ready to celebrate the three sacraments of Christian initiation this coming Easter Vigil to formally celebrate the Archdiocesan Rite of Election on the First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022 at 2:00PM at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

All the catechumens, along with their godparents, of the Archdiocese of New York are invited to attend the Archdiocesan Rite of Election at the Cathedral. According to the Rite, paragraph #121: "Admission to election therefore belongs to the bishop, and the presiding celebrant for the rite of election is the bishop himself."

You must register your Catechumens in advance. **Online Registration opens January 3, 2022.**

[Click here to register](#)

The preparation for this celebration is extensive and so you **must** register by Friday, February 18, 2022. If your parish registration is not in by the 18<sup>th</sup> of February, we will not be able to include your parish name in the program booklet and the names of your Catechumens will not be called at the Archdiocesan Rite of Election. There will be reserved seats for parish groups at the Cathedral. We respectfully ask that all other guests find their seats in unreserved pews of the Cathedral. We also invite each parish attending the Cathedral Rite to send a parish hospitality volunteer to assist at the Rite. Please note that the parish Hospitality Volunteer should not be a Godparent.

In order to assist in your preparations for this Rite, we have attached these two links that should be helpful to you, namely:

[General Instructions for the Archdiocesan Rite of Election](#)

[Liturgical Instructions for the Archdiocesan Rite of Election](#)

Parish baptized RCIA candidates who are ready for their Confirmation and First Holy Communion this coming Easter season, may celebrate the *Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion* at any of the parish Sunday Masses on the First Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2022.

For more information go to this link: [Rite of Calling the Candidates](#)

Finally, as a means of ongoing support, we are inviting all parish Catechumens and Candidates who will be celebrating their sacraments of Christian initiation during this coming 2022 Easter season to participate in two special Archdiocesan Events:

**Event # 1:**

During the 2022 season of Lent, a RCIA Lenten Retreat Day for all the Elect, RCIA Candidates, godparents, sponsors and RCIA team members.

For more information and registration go to this link: [RCIA Lenten Retreat Days](#)

**Event # 2:**

On the second Sunday of Easter, April 24, 2022, Archdiocesan RCIA Easter Celebration Day for all neophytes, newly confirmed RCIA candidates, godparents, sponsors and RCIA team members.

For more information and registration go to this link: [RCIA Easter Celebration Day](#)

If you need any further assistance with any of these upcoming Archdiocesan RCIA events, please feel free to contact us at 646-794-2851 or by e-mailing us at: [RCIA@archny.org](mailto:RCIA@archny.org).

Thank you for your cooperation with these matters. It really makes a difference.

Sincerely,

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