

LITURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE RITE OF ELECTION

Archdiocesan Rite of Election at St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC

Archdiocese of New York

First Sunday of Lent – February 26, 2023

- + 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** (2023) 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.