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 – March 1, 2020

+ 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 (2020) 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.