

# 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.