



Dear RCIA Coordinators,

You and your parish Catechumens, Candidates and families are invited to the **Archdiocesan Rite of Election, Sunday March 1, 2020 at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Paul and 1:30 pm at the Basilica of Saint Mary.** This invitation includes unbaptized children of catechetical age involved in your initiation process. The liturgy will not include the celebration of the Eucharist. It is recommended that parishes use the ritual, "Parish Ceremony for Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop." (RCIA ritual book #530-546) at a parish Mass on Sunday morning, March 1, 2020. Please fill out the enclosed form so we can plan for the correct number of people who will attend and reserve the correct number of pews for your group.

Parishes are assigned to the two sites geographically as follows:

Cathedral of Saint Paul	Deaneries 1, 2,3,4,5,6,7,8
Basilica of Saint Mary	Deaneries 9.10.11.12.13.14.15

We will try to accommodate any group requesting a move to the other site, if there is room. Please be reasonable and as accurate as possible about the amount of space you need. Additional information about this year's Rite of Election will be sent to those who register using the enclosed reservation form. **Please note the registration deadline is Friday, February 20, 2020. The seating chart will be done as the reservations are received, so get yours in early!**

Seating charts and details about the liturgy will be sent to participating parishes beginning **Friday, February 18, 2020. If you haven't received this information by Monday, February 24, 2020 please contact Laurinda Irwin at the Office of Worship 651-251-7727 or irwinl@archspm.org.**

Sincerely,

Reverend Thomas Margevičius
Director, Office of Worship