



Office for Evangelization and
Catechetical Ministry

November 1, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: RCIA Coordinators

FROM: María Olivia “Marioly” Galván, Director
Office for Evangelization and Catechetical Ministry

RE: Diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

The Diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will take place on **Sunday, March 5, 2017** at Golden Hall at the San Diego Concourse. The Rite will only be celebrated with adult catechumens and candidates and their children who will also be baptized or received into full communion at Easter. Therefore, catechumens and candidates under 18 years of age must be in the company of at least one parent who also is a catechumen or candidate. Bishop McElroy delegated pastors and chaplains to celebrate the Rite of Election for children and youth in their own parish or faith community. The Letter of Delegation to Pastors can be found [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Reservation Form will now be completed and submitted online. **The deadline to submit your form is February 1st.** No forms will be mailed. In order to accommodate the large number of participants, Reservation Cards will be issued and distributed at the ROE Business Meeting. All seating is reserved; parish groups will be assigned to sections.

The main doors to Golden Hall will open at 2:00 p.m. on March 5, 2017. **Please note: In an effort to make this event a prayerful and joyous gathering, we will be assigning seats and issuing appointment times for your parish group to take pictures with Bishop McElroy before and after the Rite. Also, for your convenience, all ROE information, forms and registration can be accessed via www.sdatholic.org/ROE.**

Free subscription to Southern Cross

Each Candidate or Catechumen is eligible to receive a free **1-year** subscription to *The Southern Cross*, by mailing in a postcard which will be included in the packet you will receive at the Rite of Election business meeting on February 28, 2017.

Rite of Election Business Meeting with RCIA Coordinators:

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the Pastoral Center, 11:00-12:00 pm. A representative from each parish is required to attend this meeting. The meeting will address instructions for the day, pertinent information regarding the venue and the distribution of parish packets containing seating information and reservation cards for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. **Packets will not be distributed outside of this meeting time.** If you

cannot attend, you will need to find a representative to take back the information from the meeting to the parish.

For Imperial Valley parishes there will be an in-service on Thursday, March 2nd at St. Anthony's Parish in Imperial. We will meet at 10:00 am to review the information and distribute packets.

An Outline of the Order of Service in English and in Spanish can also be accessed via www.sdcatholic.org/ROE. You are encouraged to review the Rites and readings with your Catechumens, Candidates and RCIA team.

For questions, please email Leticia Trent at [ltrent@sdccatholic](mailto:ltrent@sdccatholic.org) or call 858-490-8232.

Schedule for Rite of Election:

2:00 p.m.	Concourse and Golden Hall doors open
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Ceremony begins-Choral Presentation
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

Important Dates:

February 1, 2017	Deadline for reservation forms
February 17, 2017	Parish fee of \$400 due
February 28, 2017	Obtain packets at Rite of Election business meeting, Pastoral Center, 11:00- 12:00 pm.
March 1, 2017	Ash Wednesday
March 2, 2017	Imperial Valley obtain packets at Rite of Election business meeting, St. Anthony's Parish, Imperial. 10:00- 11:00 am.

March 5, 2017 ***Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at Golden Hall***

April 6, 2017 Chrism Mass at Good Shepherd Parish at 4:00 p.m.
(For RCIA leaders and team)