

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion
March 5, 2017 ❖ San Diego Concourse - Golden Hall

Outline of Order of Service

(Also available in Vietnamese. Please call the Office for Evangelization and Catechetical Ministry at 858-490-8230 for a copy)

2:00 pm	Doors Open
1:15-3:15 pm	Pre-Rite Picture appointments and Signing of the Book of Elect with Bishop McElroy
3:30 pm	Ceremony Begins-Choral Presentation
4:00 pm	<i>Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion</i>

Processional Hymn

Greeting and Opening Prayer – **Bishop Robert W. McElroy**

Reading: **Romans 5: 12, 17-19**

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: **Matthew 4:1-11**

Gospel Acclamation (repeated)

(All are seated following the acclamation.)

Presentation of the Catechumens and Candidates

- As the name of their parish is called, **ALL** Catechumens and Candidates will be invited to **STAND**. Please remain standing until all the parishes are called.
- When all are standing we applaud, then all are **SEATED**.

Homily – Bishop Robert W. McElroy

†Celebration of Election†

Affirmation by the Godparents and the Assembly

- All Catechumens will be invited to **STAND** together with their Godparents. The Bishop first addresses the Godparents to determine whether the Catechumens are sufficiently prepared for this important step.
- The Godparent's response to the **THREE** questions of the Bishop is: **THEY HAVE**.
- The Bishop then addresses the assembly asking if they are ready to support the testimony about the Catechumens. Assembly's response is: **WE ARE**.

Invitation and Act of Election

- The Bishop now addresses the Catechumens as to their intention to participate in the Easter Sacraments. He concludes by asking:
Therefore, do you wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist?
Catechumens: **WE DO**.
- The Bishop now formally declares the Catechumens as members of the Elect in these words: *I now declare you to be members of the elect, to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the next Easter Vigil.*
Catechumens: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**
Sung Acclamation of Assent
- All are then **SEATED**.

†Call to Continuing Conversion†

Affirmation by the Sponsors and the Assembly

- All Candidates will be invited to **STAND** together with their Sponsors. The Bishop first addresses the Sponsors to determine whether the Candidates are sufficiently prepared for this important step.
- The Sponsor's response to the **FOUR** questions of the Bishop is: **THEY HAVE**.
- The Bishop then addresses the assembly asking if they are ready to support the testimony about the Candidates. Assembly's response is: **WE ARE**.

Act of Recognition

- The Bishop now formally recognizes the candidates in these words:
Beloved candidates, the Church recognizes your desire to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and to have a place at Christ's Eucharistic table. Join with us this Lent in a spirit of repentance. Hear the Lord's call to conversion and be faithful to your baptismal covenant.
Candidates: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**
Sung Acclamation of Assent
- Remain **STANDING** while the assembly stands for the Intercessions

Intercessions for the Elect and the Candidates

Prayer over the Elect and Candidates

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn

5:15 pm Post-Rite Picture appointments and Signing of the Book of Elect with Bishop McElroy