



To: Pastors, Administrators, DRE's, and RCIA Coordinators
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Director of Catechesis and Christian Initiation
Date: November 25, 2019
Subject: Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion 2020

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone has identified four central sites and dates for the celebration of the Rite of Election for Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion for Candidates. The rite does not include a Eucharistic liturgy. Where possible, it is recommended that parishes include a Celebration of Sending at a Mass preceding the bishop's celebration. Please note that at the celebration, there will be open seating within separate sections for Catechumens and Candidates respectively. You may have someone from your parish save seats for the rest of the group, but please try to arrive early. Also, please have a representative from your parish ready to announce the parish name and the names of catechumens and candidates (separately).

Bishop Guglielmone will preside at the following times in the following locations:

Rock Hill/Columbia/Aiken Deaneries: **Friday, February 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**
Our Lady of the Hills Church, Columbia

Greenville Deanery: **Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**
St. Mary Church, Greenville

Charleston/Beaufort Deaneries: **Sunday, March 1, 2020, at 3:30 p.m.**
Holy Spirit Church, Johns Island

Myrtle Beach Deanery: **Monday, March 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.**
St. Andrew Church, Myrtle Beach

Please complete the enclosed sheet, including the updating of your designated parish contact, and send your responses back (even if your parish is not attending the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion) to the Office of Catechesis and Christian Initiation to the attention of Cathy Roche at the Diocesan Pastoral Center using the e-mail or fax numbers appearing below:

Fax: (843) 804-9408 E-mail: cathy@charlestdiocese.org

Many thanks for your assistance in responding to our office by **February 14**. Additional information and format for the Rite will be provided to the hosting parishes well in advance of the celebration.