

INFORMATION FOR:

Celebration of the Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the call to continuing conversion of candidates who seek to complete their Christian Initiation.

WHEN: Sunday, February 10, 2008

WHERE: St. Joseph Cathedral, Corner Main and Fourth Streets, Baton Rouge, LA

TIME: First Rite at 2:00 pm / Second Rite at 5:30 pm

Bishop Muench will preside. The reception for the Elect, those seeking full communion, sponsors, family, godparents, team members and friends will be held at the Catholic Life Center, 1800 South Acadian Thruway, in the Main Auditorium from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

WHAT IS IT?

The Cathedral rite is celebrated when the Rite of Election of catechumens (adults, adolescents and children of catechetical age) and the rite of recognition of baptized but previously uncatechized adults, adolescents and children of catechetical age preparing to complete their Christian Initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are celebrated together. The rite should normally take place on the First Sunday of Lent and the presiding celebrant is the Bishop or his delegate. In the catechesis of the community and in the celebration of these rites, care must be taken to maintain the distinction between the catechumens and the baptized candidates.

FOR WHOM?

The Rite of Election is for those adults, adolescents and children of catechetical age who are unbaptized catechumens. The Call of Continuing Conversion is NOT for those adults seeking only Confirmation. These persons are expected to have conversion of mind and morals, a sense of faith and charity, and judged by those involved in the preparations to be worthy to receive the Easter sacraments at this year's Easter celebrations in the parish churches. (Cf. R.C.I.A. #120) Sponsors, godparents and Catechumenate parish team members are also invited to attend with the parish catechumens and candidates.

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

Complete the enclosed registration form and mail it to:

Office of Worship
Diocese of Baton Rouge
P.O. Box 2028
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2028

You may also fax this information. Our fax number is 225-336-8731. Please respond by Monday, January 7, 2008.

Our office is staffed for a half day on Mondays (12:30 to 4:30 pm) and on Fridays (8:30 am to 12:30 pm), and all day (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) on Wednesdays.

We will send more information once we have received the accompanying form. This information will be sent to the parish contact person. The parish contact person should bring the Book of Enrollment of Names of the Elect to the Cathedral rite.

Seating for this service is limited. We will have reserved seating for catechumens, candidates for full communion, sponsors, godparents, parents of children, parish contact person and pastors. Parish Catechumenate team members, other family members and friends will be seated in any available seating that is not reserved.

If you have a disabled person in your group, please let us know so that we can accommodate their seating needs.

We will be uploading the service parish assignments on our web page by November 7, 2007. Our plans are that in even-numbered years, the North Central deanery, the Northwest deanery and the Southeast deanery will attend the 2nd service (the one that begins at 5:30 pm) and in odd-numbered years, will attend the 1st service (the one that begins at 2:00 pm). In even-numbered years, the Northeast deanery and Southwest deanery will attend the 1st service and in odd-numbered years, they will attend the 2nd service. The majority of the parishes in the South Central deanery also will be assigned with this group (that is, with the Northeast and Southwest deaneries, but due to the size of the numbers from this area we may adjust individual parish assignments within this deanery to balance the attendance at the services. We will make that adjustment based on the order in which we receive each registration, so please get this in as soon as possible.

We will also post deadlines, forms and information on our web page for the Rite of Election as well. That web address is <http://www.diobr.org/worship/worship.htm>

To allow for practice and information time, we ask that everyone arrive in time to be seated 15 minutes prior to the scheduled beginning of the service. This will be 1:45 pm for the first service and 5:15 pm for the second service. This will enable us to begin the rite on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

More information is coming. If you have any questions, please call our Office of Worship at 225-242-0120. Remember, our office is staffed only part-time; if you must leave us a voice mail we do promise to get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you.

REGISTRATION

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PARISH: _____ **CITY:** _____

DEANERY: (circle 1) NC NE NW SC SE SW

PASTOR: _____

Contact Person: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Please check **one**:

_____ Yes, we plan to attend the Cathedral celebration **and** reception.
There will be _____ catechumens/candidates attending (list below).
There will be _____ godparents/sponsors attending.
There will be _____ team members attending.
There will be _____ parents attending.

_____ Yes, we plan to attend the Cathedral celebration **only**.
There will be _____ catechumens/candidates attending (list below).
There will be _____ godparents/sponsors attending.
There will be _____ team members attending.
There will be _____ parents attending.

Name of Catechumen or Candidate
(Circle One: Adult / Child / Adolescent)

(Circle One:
Unbaptized / Baptized)

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PLEASE LIST ADDITIONAL NAMES ON ANOTHER SHEET

The **Deadline** for submitting this form is **January 7, 2008**. Send to: **Office of Worship, P.O. Box 2028, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2028** – or fax it to our office at **225-336-8731**. For further information, please telephone 225-242-0120. Our office is staffed only part-time on Monday (12:30-4:30), Wednesday (8:30-4:30) and Friday (8:30-12:30).