

Rite of Election

Diocese of Orlando
2018

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE CHANT

SIGN OF THE CROSS

Bishop:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

Bishop:

Peace be with you

R And with your Spirit

Introduction by Bishop Noonan

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COLLECT

Bishop:
Let us pray:

O God, who though you are ever the cause of the salvation of the human race now gladden your people with grace in still greater measure, look mercifully, we pray, upon your chosen ones, that your compassionate and protecting help may defend both those yet to be born anew and those already reborn. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

HOMILY

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PRESENTATION OF CATECHUMENS

Catechist:

Bishop Noonan, Easter is drawing near, and so these catechumens, whom I now present to you, are completing their period of preparation. They have found strength in God's grace and support in our community's prayers and example.

Now they ask that after the celebration of the scrutinies, they be allowed to participate in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and the eucharist.

The Bishop replies:

Those who are to be chosen in Christ, as the name of your parish is called please stand together with your godparents.

The names of the parishes in attendance will now be called

Catechist:

Bishop Noonan and members of this assembly, these are the catechumens who have entered their names into the Book of the Elect as a symbol of their commitment and desire for baptism. They join with all those throughout the ages who have pledged their futures to Christ.

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AFFIRMATION BY THE GODPARENTS AND THE ASSEMBLY

Bishop:

Godparents please place your hand on the shoulder of your catechumen.

God's holy Church wishes to know whether these candidates are sufficiently prepared to be enrolled among the elect for the coming celebration of Easter. And so I speak first of all to you their godparents.

He addresses the godparents:

Have they faithfully listened to God's word proclaimed by the Church?

Godparents:

✠ They have.

Bishop:

Have they responded to that word and begun to walk in God's presence?

Godparents:

✠ They have.

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Bishop:

Have they shared the company of their Christian brothers and sisters and joined with them in prayer?

Godparents:

℟ They have.

Bishop:

And now I speak to you, my brothers and sisters in this assembly:

Are you ready to support the testimony expressed about these catechumens and include them in your prayer and affection as we move toward Easter?

All:

℟ We are.

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INVITATION AND ENROLLMENT OF NAMES

Bishop:

And now, my dear catechumens, I address you. Your own godparents and teachers [and this entire community] have spoken in your favor. The Church in the name of Christ accepts their judgment and calls you to the Easter sacraments.

Since you have already heard the call of Christ, you must now express your response to that call clearly and in the presence of the whole Church.

Therefore, do you wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and the eucharist?

Catechumens:

R We do.

Bishop:

Then offer your names for enrollment.

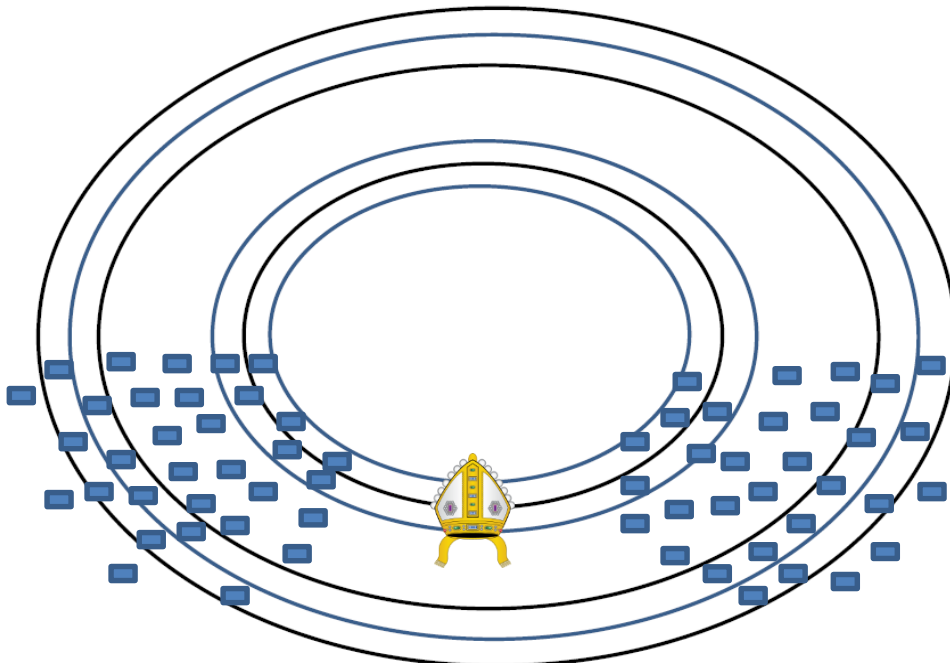
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If there are a great many candidates, the enrollment may simply consist in the presentation of a list of the names to the Bishop.

The Bishop stands in front of the altar as each of the catechists holding the book of the elect opened toward the Bishop approaches. The catechumens/godparents follow the catechist with the book for each parish.

The Bishop makes a large gesture of blessing over the names contained in the book. As each book is blessed the catechist moves to a position on the steps holding the books opened toward the assembly. The Bishop will greet each catechumen at this time.



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After all books have been presented and the Bishop has greeted the catechumens, the Bishop continues:

ACT OF ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT OF NAMES

Bishop:

My dear catechumens, I now declare you to be members of the elect, to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the next Easter Vigil.

Candidates:

℟ Thanks be to God.

Music begins immediately after “Thanks be to God.”

Bishop addresses the elect:

My dear elect, God is always faithful to those he calls: now it is your duty, as it is ours, both to be faithful to him in return and to strive courageously to reach the fullness of truth, which your election opens up before you.

Bishop addresses the godparents:

Godparents, you have spoken in favor of these catechumens: accept them now as chosen in the Lord and continue to sustain them through your loving care and example, until they come to share in the sacraments of God's life.

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INTERCESSIONS FOR THE ELECT

Bishop addresses the entire assembly:

My brothers and sisters, in beginning this period of Lent, we look forward to celebrating at Easter the life-giving mysteries of our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. These elect, whom we bring with us to the Easter sacraments, will look to us for an example of Christian renewal. Let us pray to the Lord for them and for ourselves, that we may be renewed by one another's efforts and together come to share the joys of Easter.

Deacon: That these elect may find joy in daily prayer.

Cantor: Dóminus orémus, R/. Te rogámus, audinos.

Deacon: Para que, al acudir a ti con frecuencia en la oración, vivan cada vez más unidos a tu vida.

Cantor: Dóminus orémus, R/. Te rogámus, audinos.

Deacon: That they may read your word and joyfully dwell on it in their hearts.

Cantor: Dóminus orémus, R/. Te rogámus, audinos.

Deacon: Para que, reconociendo humildemente sus defectos, comiencen esforzadamente a enmendarlos.

Cantor: Dóminus orémus, R/. Te rogámus, audinos.

Deacon: That they may grow to love and seek virtue and holiness of life.

Cantor: Dóminus orémus, R/. Te rogámus, audinos.

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Deacon: Para que al renunciar a sí mismos puedan atender primero a los demás.

Cantor: Dóminus orémus, R/. Te rogámus, audinos.

Deacon: That you will protect and bless their families.

Cantor: Dóminus orémus, R/. Te rogámus, audinos.

Deacon: Para que transmitan a los demás la alegría que han conseguido con la fe.

Cantor: Dóminus orémus, R/. Te rogámus, audinos.

PRAYER OVER THE ELECT

Bishop:

Father of love and power,
it is your will to establish everything in Christ
and to draw us into his all-embracing love.
Guide the elect of your Church:
strengthen them in their vocation,
build them into the kingdom of your Son,
and seal them with the Spirit of your promise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen

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CONCLUDING GREETING, BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Bishop:

The Lord be with you

℟ And with your Spirit

Bishop:

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, ✠
and the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit ✠ descend upon you
and remain with you forever and ever.

℟ Amen

Deacon:

Go in peace

℟ Thanks be to God