



March RCIA NEWSLETTER



A very big THANK YOU to all the parishes that participated in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion on March 6th at Queen of Angels Church in Austin.

We currently have over 140 individuals from 25 parishes/parish clusters preparing to be received/initiated into the Catholic Church. Our diocesan celebration of the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion included many of these catechumens (who are now the “elect”) and candidates, along with their godparents and sponsors, from across the diocese. It was a joy to see so many come together to celebrate the growth and progress they have made in their faith journey thus far.

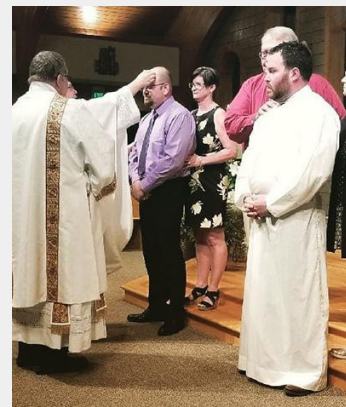
Bishop Quinn's homily emphasized the great gift that the catechumens and candidates are for our communities and diocese; and assured those preparing for the sacraments of initiation of his prayers as they journey towards the Easter Vigil.

A recording of the event including a special greeting from Bishop Quinn will be available in the coming days. We will send out an email once it is available for viewing.



Please Note!

- As has been the custom we will be sending congratulatory cards to the newly initiated/received in our diocese from Bishop Quinn. These cards will be sent out prior to Holy Week so that you are able to hand them out at the Easter Vigil or after the reception of the sacraments of initiation. Please be sure to send any updated names to Todd or Camille by April 1st.
- We will be publishing a page in the Courier featuring photos and reflections on the RCIA Process/Easter Vigil from parishes across the Diocese. Please send in photos and reflections of your newly initiated/received to Camille so that we can have them featured in the June Courier. Pictures are requested by May 1st.



RCIA Winter Gathering:

Thank you to those who joined us for our RCIA Online Gathering on February 17th.

The focus for our gathering was the Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, and the discernment that relates to catechumens and candidates in preparation for celebrating these rites. We had a very good conversation! The recording of the gathering, and the PowerPoint presentation shared during it, are available at our diocesan web site at: <https://www.dowr.org/offices/lay-formation/rcia-resources.html>



Upcoming Events:

Catechumeneon Live!

Holy Week with Elect, Catechumens and Candidates

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM or 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM

What should we do with the elect, candidates, and catechumens during Holy Week? How can we leverage the power of the liturgies and celebrations of this week for their spiritual benefit?

Register at:

<https://catechumeneon.org/event/CATL02A>



Resources

Pathways in Faith:

is a set of resources to be used as part of RCIA formation reinforcing the connection between doctrine and sharing by employing a process of reflection and conversation that leads to experiences of prayer.

These resources can be used flexibly by Directors of Faith Formation and RCIA Directors to:

- Facilitate sharing and exploration
- Provide a conversational format for participants
- Emphasize individual personal growth in discipleship
- Provide catechumenal material in an easy-to-adapt way

More details can be found at: <https://pathwaysinfaith.org/>



FORMED Resources:

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION IN THE PARISH: SPECIAL EPISODES FOR LAY LEADERS



Throughout the month of February 2022, the Augustine Institute brought many of the experts of Sacramental Preparation from around the country to Denver to be interviewed by Professor Lucas Pollice about sacramental preparation in parishes and dioceses.

There are many resources that you may find helpful, but the three pertaining directly to RCIA are as follows:

- RCIA in the Parish: Mystagogy
- RCIA in the Parish: Purification and Enlightenment
- RCIA in the Parish: The Catechumenate

More details can be found at: <https://watch.formed.org/>

Upcoming Dates:

Scrutinies:

- Third Sunday of Lent
 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
- Pages 80, 94, and 102 of the RCIA Study Edition

Presentation of the Creed:

- Third Week of Lent
- Page 88 of the RCIA Study Edition

Presentation of the Lord's Prayer

- Fifth Week of Lent
- Page 110 of the RCIA Study Edition

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