



## DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER

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Dear Pastors, Parochial Administrators, and RCIA Coordinators,

*Greetings of peace in the Lord Jesus Christ!*

Sadly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be celebrating an “in person” diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion this year. **But, I would invite you, and the catechumens and candidates for reception into full communion with the Church from your parishes, to view and participate in a livestream celebration of this rite on Sunday, February 21st, at 3:00 p.m.** (Details for viewing the rite will be provided to parishes via email in advance of the date.)

This special diocesan celebration, held each year on the First Sunday of Lent, marks a significant moment on the pilgrimage of faith for our catechumens and candidates. It also offers an occasion for all of us, as believers, to join them in seeking authentic conversion and renewal in our shared call to holiness. **I would ask you and your parishioners to hold our catechumens and candidates in prayer in a special way on that day.** And, everyone is also welcome to view and participate in the livestream celebration of the rite.

Invoking God’s blessing on you and yours, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *John M. Quinn*

Most Rev. John M. Quinn  
Bishop of Winona-Rochester