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**To:** Pastors, Parish Administrators & RCIA Teams

**From:** Office of Catechetics

**Date:** 24 January 2018

**Re:** Rite of Election

The Rite of Election will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral in Winnipeg on February 18, 2018 at 2:30 PM. This particular Sunday marks the First Sunday of Lent.

The Celebration at the Cathedral is for two groups of people.

Those who are **catechumens**, this includes adults and children, who have reached the age of reason, and who will be received into the church at the next Easter Vigil through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Those who are **candidates for full communion**, this includes those **baptized in another Christian tradition** and are seeking life in the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

***This group does not include adults or children who have already been baptized catholic but still are in need of the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. This Sacrament can be celebrated sometime during the Easter Season.***

The presence of candidates will be acknowledged and, following this, the rite will be celebrated. Catechumen will be called by name and invited to come forward, along with their sponsors, to sign the Book of the Elect.

Candidates and catechumen and sponsors and members of RCIA teams will gather in the cathedral hall by 2:00 PM. Additional instruction, at that time, will be provided. A reception will follow the celebration of the rite.

Name tags for each candidate and catechumen will be prepared in advance and distributed in the cathedral hall prior to the celebration. To account for each candidate and catechumen please complete the attached enrollment form and return it to [catechetics@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:catechetics@archwinnipeg.ca) by 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Thank you and God bless.

In Christ's Love & Service,

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