

Rite of Election of Catechumens and of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion Directions for Rosary Cathedral Celebration

1. The location and time: **This year the rite will be celebrated on Sunday, February 22, 2026**
at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo, at 3:00 PM
2. **Parking information for the Cathedral**--Kindly approach the Cathedral from Collingwood Boulevard. Handicap accessible parking is available in the lot closest to the church. Expanded parking facilities are available on the Cathedral campus.
3. Kindly bring your Book of the Elect (**with names of Catechumens**) and a typed list of the names of your Candidates for Full Communion.
4. Designate one person from your parish to read the names of the Catechumens from the Book of the Elect and one person (or the same person) to read the names of the Candidates for Full Communion from your typed list. **Reminder that the names of the Candidates for Full Communion should not be inscribed in the Book of the Elect.**
5. Kindly remind all who will be attending to wear church appropriate "Sunday best" attire. The U.S. Bishops state that "as Christians we should dress in a modest manner, wearing clothes that reflect our reverence for God and that manifest our respect for the dignity of the liturgy and for one another" (*Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper*, p. 15. 1996).
6. During the Rite, immediately after the homily, those who will be calling the names of the Catechumens proceed directly to the microphones located on either side of the sanctuary. Greeters will direct you forward at the appropriate time.
After the Elect are invited by the Deacon to be seated, those who will be calling the names of the Candidates for Full Communion will proceed directly to the microphones located on either side of the sanctuary with the typed list of candidate's names. Greeters will be there to guide you to the microphone at the appropriate time.
7. When introducing your Catechumens and Candidates for Full Communion, kindly use the following formula, **"From the parish of (name of parish and city), (names of candidates)"**.
8. The red chairs in the sanctuary will be reserved for those calling the names and for the Lectors. **There is no reserved seating for parishes. It will be open seating. Parishes may choose to coordinate sitting together.**
9. Kindly instruct your Catechumens and Candidates for Full Communion to stand in their places **as soon as their names are called**. Godparents/Sponsors remain seated until given instruction to stand. Kindly encourage your Catechumens/Candidates and Godparents/Sponsors to answer the celebrant's questions with an enthusiastic response.
10. **If, for any reason**, a Catechumen or Candidate for Full Communion cannot be present, their name(s) are still to be called by the parish representative. These Catechumens and Candidates will be included among the Elect and Candidates for Full Communion.
11. In case of **INCLEMENT WEATHER**, a decision to proceed with the celebration will be made by 12:00 noon. The decision to cancel will be announced on Toledo area media outlets (i.e. WTVG Channel 13, WTOL Channel 11, WNWO Channel 24, WRVF 101.5, WKKO K-100, etc.)