

Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion

Preview of liturgical instructions contained in the worship booklet

What follows are three pages (3, 7 and 8) from the Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion worship booklet for you to familiarize yourself with ahead of time if you'd like.

Page 3

Is an overview of things to do both before and during the liturgy, and explains that this is not a "concelebrated" liturgy.

Page 7

Illustrates how the presenters go to up the microphone in a group after the homily—ready to call the names, as well as how the catechumens and their godparents , and then later the candidates and their sponsors come from their seats to stand around the base of the stairs that lead into the sanctuary.

Page 8

Shows the route of the catechumens' movement into the sanctuary to sign the Book of the Elect, then over to greet Bishop, and then their return back to where their godparents are waiting for them back at the base of the steps.

— BEFORE THE RITE BEGINS —

- **Lists of names**...The individuals from each parish who will call the names of the catechumens (first group) and, later, the candidates (second group) should go to the table near the main entrance for their lists.
- **Check the lists**...These “presenters” should check the names on their lists, making any necessary additions or deletions. (Catechumens and candidates not in attendance should not have their names called.)
- **Seating for clergy in attendance**...As this is not a concelebrated liturgy, clergy in attendance should initially be seated in the nave with their parish groups.
- **Movement from the nave**...After the homily, the presenters will be called to come forward and stand in the west transept, just below the ambo. Using the microphone there, the names of the catechumens (unbaptized) are called and then, later, the names of the (baptized) candidates. Between these two times the presenters should be seated in the chairs located there.
- **Review movement instructions**...Parish leaders should review the positioning and movement instructions found on pages 7 and 8 with those from their parish who will participate in the rite. (Catechumens and candidates along with their godparents and sponsors.)

— DURING THE RITE —

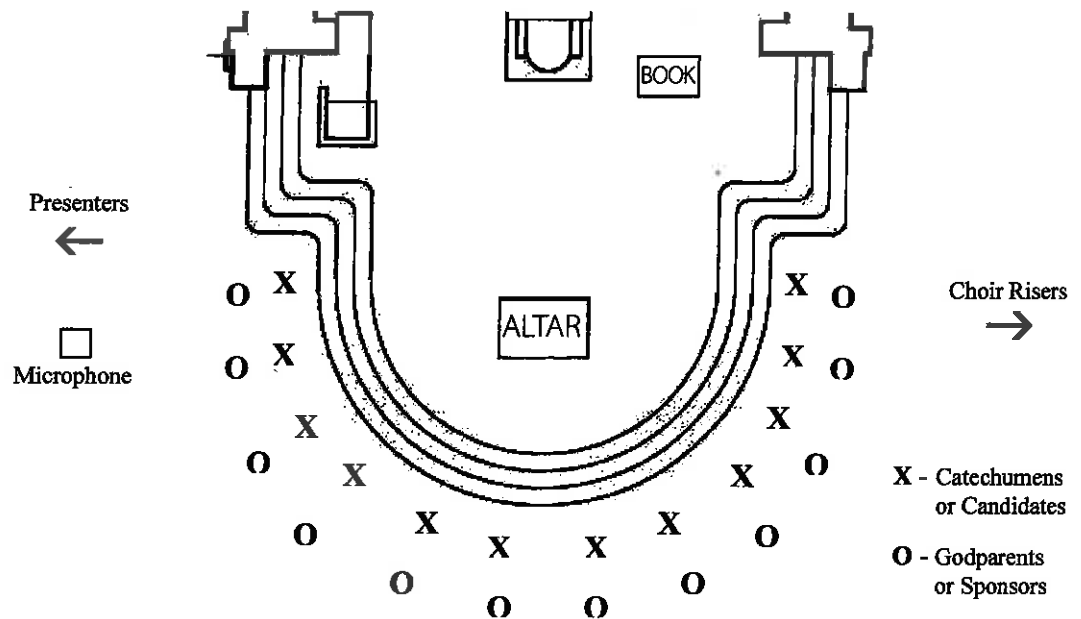
- After the homily the Deacon will invite those who will be calling the names to come forward and stand in the west transept, just below the ambo, forming a line toward the microphone. They should be sure to take their lists with them.
- After the presider says, *“Those who are to be chosen in Christ, come forward, together with your godparents...”* the presenters should begin taking turns reading the catechumens’ names using the microphone located in the west transept. There is no special order.
- When reading the names, there is no need to wait until each person has come forward before reading the next name. Read the names consecutively, without pauses.
- After calling the names of the catechumens, the presenters should be seated in the chairs there in the west transept.
- After the presider says, *“Those who desire to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church, come forward, together with your sponsors...”* the presenters then take turns reading the candidates’ names, again using the microphone. As above, simply read names consecutively without pauses.
- Presenters should return to their seats in the nave at the same time the candidates and sponsors (second group) are returning to their seats.

Positioning in the sanctuary after the homily, movement of the presenters to the ambo:

Presenters... After the homily, the Deacon will ask those who are to call the names to move from the nave into the west transept, just below the ambo. They should bring their lists with them and gather there forming a line to the microphone. After the presiding celebrant invites first the catechumens and then later the candidates to come forward, the presenters read the corresponding names from their lists.

Catechumens... First the catechumens' names are called. They should come up individually along with their godparents. The catechumens form an arc around the base of the sanctuary stairs at nave level with their godparents standing just behind them. Eventually the catechumens (by themselves) will move in a single file line up the steps and into the sanctuary to individually sign the Book of the Elect. On their way back to their places in front of their godparents, they should greet the presiding celebrant. (See the next page for details.)

Candidates... Later, the candidates and their sponsors are called up and stand in the same way. Because there are usually more candidates present than catechumens, they may need to form a double arc. (Unlike the catechumens, the candidates do not enter the sanctuary.)



Movement of the catechumens (first group) into and out of the sanctuary:

After they have been affirmed by their godparents and the assembly, the catechumens will be invited to offer their names for enrollment.

The catechumens (alone, without their godparents) then:

- Move from their places to their right to form a line.
- One by one, walk up the steps to sign the Book of the Elect.
- Walk to the presiding celebrant so that he may greet them.
- Walk back down the steps and back to their positions in front of their godparents.

