

## Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

### Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Welcome to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The cathedral church is the principal church of a diocese, because it is here that the bishop as the local ordinary of the diocese has a throne (chair), called the cathedra.

On the twenty-seventh of September 1976, Pope Paul VI raised our Cathedral to the dignity and honor of a Basilica. The Holy Father on certain occasions expresses his grateful appreciation in this way to the faithful for outstanding Catholic action rendered to the Church and the people of God. This great honor was bestowed on the Archdiocese of Philadelphia after it hosted the 41st International Eucharistic Congress.

Francis Patrick Kenrick, then Bishop of Philadelphia initiated the building of the Basilica in 1846. It was continued through the tenure of Saint John Neumann and completed in 1864, by Bishop (later Archbishop) Wood.

The facade of the Basilica is graced by four massive stone columns. The four statues in the niches are: the Sacred Heart, to whom the Archdiocese was consecrated on October 15, 1873; Mary, the Immaculate Conception, proclaimed patroness of the United States in 1854, and Saints Peter and Paul, patrons of the Basilica.

The interior of the Basilica is of Roman-Corinthian style and cross-shaped in form. When the walls were first raised during the "know-nothing" era there were no original side windows because of the danger of destruction. Natural light, therefore, is admitted through the windows close to the ceiling.

The underside of the baldachino, over the main Altar, is marble mosaic with its central figure a dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit. The interior of the dome reveals a striking painting of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

The Sanctuary stained glass windows contribute both beauty and light. The center window, devoted to the Eucharist, depicts the sacrifice of Melchizedek, the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, and the Last Supper. The window to the left portrays three events in the life of Saint Peter; his call by Christ, his selection as Prince of the apostles, and his crucifixion. The window to the right reveals three scenes from the life of Saint Paul; his conversion; his preaching to the Athenians and his death by beheading.

The Basilica seats approximately 1,000 (1,500 with added temporary seats). The floor is marble tile set in a cross design.

The Cathedral Organ, originally built by Austin Organ Company in 1920, has been rebuilt and restored in 1957 and 1976. In 1987 further additions were made, including the Trumpet en chamade, at the top of the organ case. Its total number of pipes is 4648, making it one of the largest in Philadelphia.

Under the main Altar is a spacious crypt containing the remains of most of our Bishops and Archbishops, and of several prominent clergy of Philadelphia.

The Chapel of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament is on the north side of the Basilica. It seats about 500 and was dedicated on the Feast of the Maternity of Our Lady, October 11, 1955.

For further information about the Cathedral Basilica please go to [www.CathedralPhila.org](http://www.CathedralPhila.org).

For information about Cathedral Concerts, please visit [www.CathedralPhilaConcerts.org](http://www.CathedralPhilaConcerts.org).

# RITE *of* ELECTION AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION



ARCHDIOCESE *of* PHILADELPHIA

CATHEDRAL BASILICA *of* SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

PHILADELPHIA, PA

**FIRST SUNDAY *of* LENT, 2013**

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**Rite of Election of Catechumens  
and  
Of The Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates  
Who Are Preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist or  
Reception Into the Full Communion  
of the Catholic Church**

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., the Archbishop of Philadelphia, assembles all of us today in the mother church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. He does so as our chief shepherd and teacher of the faith with many priests, deacons and faithful of our local church. This is a celebration of the Church!

We come from so many of the parish communities throughout the Archdiocese with our godparents and sponsors to hear the holy Word of God on this First Sunday of Lent. This saving Word has formed and guided us in the Catholic Faith with its promise of divine life celebrated in the Sacraments.

Today's celebration begins a new period for the Elect, the *Period of Purification and Enlightenment*, with its scrutinies and presentations of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, with its prayer and penance, to ready the Elect for full immersion into Christ's Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at the great Easter Vigil.

Today's celebration gives fresh meaning to this Lenten season for all of the Candidates, those already baptized, looking forward to completing Christian Initiation with Easter Time. This Lent, as for all Christians indeed, inspired by the commitment and perseverance of the Elect, calls each of us to deeper communion with Christ as we turn away from sin and seek to live more fully his Gospel in the Church.

Let us enter into the mystery of this Sunday celebration of the Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion with the joy that comes from belonging to the Church, supporting one another in prayer and penance, and awaiting the splendid gifts of the Easter Sacraments.

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Malvern Retreat House Invites you to attend:

**RCIA**  
**Day of Reflection**

*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*

Saturday, March 23, 2013

9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Spiritual Director: Fr. Charles Zlock



*Join us for a Day of Reflection with the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for those receiving Sacraments at Easter. This retreat is for Elect and Candidates, their Godparents and Sponsors, and RCIA Teams. (Note: the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered to Candidates only.)*

**Cost: \$35 Includes Continental Breakfast and Full Luncheon**

Questions? Contact Gerri O'Reilly at 484-321-2517  
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**Please return by March 13, 2013 (Space is limited)**

RCIA Coordinator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name/Town \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Attending:**

Elect \_\_\_\_\_ GodParents \_\_\_\_\_ Team Members \_\_\_\_\_

Candidates \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

If for some serious reason, a school age baptized Roman Catholic is unable to be confirmed by the Bishop during his pastoral visit to the parish, then this candidate, with the permission of the pastor, may be presented for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. The pastor's permission is to be included with the registration forms to be sent to the Office for Divine Worship.

#### RECORD KEEPING

The following registers are to be maintained diligently with regard to required information and record keeping:

A pastor who foresees the genuine pastoral need to confirm an adult baptized Roman Catholic can do so only with the specific delegation of the Bishop (see Canon 882 and *National Statutes for the Catechumenate*, nos. 28-29). Archbishop Chaput gives this faculty to all priests of the Archdiocese to confirm Roman Catholic Adults on any occasion from Palm Sunday through Pentecost Sunday. This delegation is required for the validity of the Sacrament in the case of a Roman Catholic candidate.

*Register of Catechumens*, after the Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (see RCIA, no. 46);

*Book of Elect*, prior to the Rite of Election (see RCIA, no. 132);

*Register for Baptism*, after the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

(see Christian Initiation, General Introduction, no. 29);

*Register for Full Communion of the Catholic Church* (see RCIA, no. 486).

#### CALENDAR PLANNING

The topics and sessions for the Neophytes during the *Period of Postbaptismal Catechesis or Mystagogy* should be planned at this time, especially their participation in the Masses of Easter Time and a Pentecost celebration (see numbers 244-251 in the ritual book, *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*).

Year-round opportunities for inquiry about the Catholic Faith should present candidates for the *Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens* so that it can be celebrated during Lent or Easter Time (see *US National Statutes for the Catechumenate*, no.6).

## The Order of Service / Orden Del Servicio

### Introductory Rites / Ritos Iniciales

#### Entrance Hymn / Canto de Entrada

##### Led By the Spirit

*Kingsfold*

1. Led by the Spi - it of our God, we go to fast and  
 2. Led by the Spi - it, we con - front temp - ta - tion face to  
 3. Led by the Spi - it, now draw near the wa - ters of re -  
 4. Led by the Spi - it, now sing praise to God the Trin - i -

pray With Christ in - to the wil - der - ness; we join his pas - chal  
 face, And know full well we must re - ly on God's re - deem - ing  
 birth With hearts that long to wor - ship god in spir - it and in  
 ty: The Source of Life, the liv - ing Word made flesh to set us  
 way. "Rend not your gar - ments, rend your hearts. Turn  
 grace. On bread a - lone we con - not live, but  
 truth. "Who - ev - er drinks the drink I give shall  
 free, The Spir - it blow - ing where it will to  
 back your lives to me." Thus says our kind and  
 nour - ished by the Word We seek the will of  
 nev - er thirst a - gain." Thus says the Lord who  
 make us friends of God: This mys - t'ry far be -  
 gra - cious God, whose reign is lib - er - ty.  
 God to do: this is our drink and food.  
 died for us, our Sav - ior, kin and friend.  
 yond our reach, yet near in heal - ing love.

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## Liturgy of the Word / Liturgia de la Palabra

### Reading I / Primera Lectura

*Lectura del libro del Deuteronomio 26, 4-10*

En aquel tiempo, dijo Moisés al pueblo: Cuando presentes las primicias de tus cosechas, el sacerdote tomará el cesto de tus manos y lo pondrá ante el altar del Señor, tu Dios. Entonces tú dirás estas palabras ante el Señor, tu Dios:

Mi padre fue un arameo errante, que bajó a Egipto y se estableció allí con muy pocas personas; pero luego creció hasta convertirse en una gran nación, potente y numerosa.

Los egipcios nos maltrataron, nos oprimieron y nos impusieron una dura esclavitud. Entonces clamamos al Señor, Dios de nuestros padres, y el Señor escuchó nuestra voz, moró nuestra humillación, nuestros trabajos y nuestra angustia. El Señor nos sacó de Egipto con mano poderosa y brazo protector, con un terror muy grande, entre señales y portentos; nos trajo a este país y nos dio esta tierra, que mana leche y miel. Por eso ahora yo traigo aquí las primicias de la tierra que tú, Señor, me has dado.

Una vez que hayas dejado tus primicias ante el Señor, te postrarás ante él para adorarlo.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm / Salmo Responsorial

**EleazarCortes**

Salmo 91: Acompáñame, Señor.

Psalm 91: Be with me, O Lord.



A-com-pá-ña-me, Se - ñor, \_\_\_\_ En la tri - bu - la - ción. \_\_\_\_



Be with me, Lord, when I am in trou - ble.

## RECEPTION OF BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS (CANDIDATES) INTO THE FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* allows for people baptized in another Church or ecclesial community, although never treated as catechumens, to benefit from the doctrinal and spiritual formation of the unbaptized. Additionally, the use of the Combined Rites for catechumens and candidates gives the candidates an important sense of the Sacred Liturgy and participation with the Church leading to Confirmation and Communion. However, many candidates do not require a full program parallel to the catechumenate. Therefore, the directives provided in the US *National Statutes for the Catechumenate* for Reception into Full Communion (nos. 30-37) should be increasingly observed.

*Preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for baptized non-Catholics are an essential element of their Reception.*

### Reception of Candidates and Valid Baptism and Conditional Baptism

All non-Catholic Christians seeking full communion must be validly baptized. The following norm is to be observed in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with regard to the reception of candidates into the full communion of the Catholic Church:

Baptism is the doorway to all of the Sacraments. Therefore, the sacred minister needs moral certitude that a person was baptized with the Trinitarian formula and the triple water pouring/immersion before other Sacraments are celebrated. This moral certitude requires more than the evidence of a baptismal certificate and must be the case in each individual circumstance. Such moral certitude can often be readily obtained through inquiry with the candidate. When moral certitude is lacking, a conditional Baptism is necessary (see Canon 869 and National Statutes for the Catechumenate 37).

Additional information on valid baptism and conditional baptism can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship.

### CONFIRMATION FOR ROMAN CATHOLIC ADULTS

The ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation for baptized Roman Catholics is the Bishop. Typically, this occurs during the pastoral visit of the Bishop to the parish. Every effort should be made to prepare Catholic Adults for Confirmation to participate in the parish celebration with the Bishop.

Additionally, Archbishop Chaput will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2013 during the 6:30 PM Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The candidates for this sacramental celebration are baptized Roman Catholics who have been properly catechized for Confirmation (and if needed, for the reception of First Communion). Information about this celebration for pastors and those who assist with the formation and reception of the Sacraments of Initiation can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship after March 1, 2013.

## SAVE THE DATE

### RCIA and Clergy April 15 and 16, 2013

All priests and deacons are encouraged to participate in a two full-day program on the periods and steps for the Christian Initiation of Adults. This program is specifically designed to assist clergy in their unique role of leadership and formation in Christian Initiation. Christian Initiation coordinators are welcome to join their pastors for this program.

This program will be conducted by the *North American Forum on the Catechumenate* and the Office for Divine Worship of the Archdiocese.

For advance registration and more information, please contact the Office for Divine Worship at 215-587-3537 or [worship@adphila.org](mailto:worship@adphila.org).

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION WEBSITE

Check the Website of the Office for Divine Worship for current information on Christian Initiation. Christian Initiation coordinators are reminded to check the electronic Christian Initiation Information Periodic Mailing.

<http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/christian/christian.htm>

### BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST AT THE SOLEMN PASCHAL VIGIL

In accord with the US National Statutes for the Catechumenate (11 November 86) no. 33, Archbishop Chaput asks that you note:

Only the adult elect, that is, the unbaptized catechumens elected at the Rite of Election, are to be fully initiated with Baptism, Confirmation and reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord at the Solemn Paschal Vigil, according to the rites outlined in the Roman Missal. Children may also be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

Baptized non-Catholic Christians are to be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday or any Sunday of Easter Time. In fact, this reception can take place almost any time during the Church Year according to the rite outlined in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (cf. RCIA, nos. 473-504).

For many parishes, this practice continues to represent an innovation that requires catechesis on the dignity of Baptism and the avoidance of any confusion between candidates for Baptism and baptized Christians.

Candidates for the Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church should be encouraged to participate in the Easter Vigil, especially with a distinct place to sit among the faithful and acknowledged by the priest celebrant.

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1. You who live in the shelter  
of the Most High,  
in the shadow of the Almighty  
say to the Lord,  
"My refuge, my fortress,  
my God in whom I trust."

2. No se te acercará la desgracia,  
ni la plaga llegará hasta tu tienda,  
porque a sus ángeles ha dado órdenes  
para que te guarden en tus caminos.

3. With their hands they shall bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
You shall tread upon the viper  
and the cobra,  
you shall trample the lion  
and the serpent.

4. Se puso junto a mí: lo libraré;  
lo protegeré porque  
conoce mi nombre,  
me invocará y lo escucharé.  
Con él estaré en la tribulación,  
lo defenderé, lo glorificaré.

### Reading II/Secundo Lectura *Lectura de la carta del apóstol san Pablo a los romanos.* 10, 8-13

Hermanos: La Escritura afirma: *Muy a tu alcance, en tu boca y en tu corazón, se encuentra la salvación, esto es, el asunto de la fe que predicamos. Porque basta que cada uno declare con su boca que Jesús es el Señor y que crea en su corazón que Dios lo resucitó de entre los muertos, para que pueda salvarse.*

En efecto, hay que creer con el corazón para alcanzar la santidad y declarar con la boca para alcanzar la salvación. Por eso dice la Escritura: *Ninguno que crea en él quedará defraudado, porque no existe diferencia entre judío y no judío, ya que uno mismo es el Señor de todos, espléndido con todos los que lo invocan, pues todo el que invoque al Señor como a su Dios, será salvado por él.*

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

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## Gospel Acclamation / Aclamación antes del evangelio

James Chepponis

Musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation, featuring two staves of music in 6/8 time. The lyrics are: Praise and hon - or to You! Praise and hon-or to you! Praise and hon - or to You, Lord Je - sus Christ!

## Gospel / Evangelio

Lectura del santo Evangelio según san Lucas. 4, 1-13

En aquel tiempo, Jesús, lleno del Espíritu Santo, regresó del Jordán y conducido por el mismo Espíritu, se internó en el desierto, donde permaneció durante cuarenta días y fue tentado por el demonio.

No comió nada en aquellos días, y cuando se completaron, sintió hambre. Entonces el diablo le dijo: Si eres el Hijo de Dios, dile a esta piedra que se convierta en pan. Jesús le contestó: Está escrito: *No solo de pan vive el hombre.*

Después lo llevó el diablo a un monte elevado y en un instante le hizo ver todos los reinos de la tierra y le dijo: «A mí me ha sido entregado todo el poder y la gloria de estos reinos, y yo los doy a quien quiero. Todo esto será tuyo, si te arrodillas y me adoras». Jesús le respondió: Está escrito: *Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios, y a él sólo servirás.*

Entonces lo llevó a Jerusalén, lo puso en la parte más alta del templo y le dijo: Si eres el Hijo de Dios, arrójate desde aquí, porque está escrito: *Los ángeles del Señor tienen órdenes de cuidarte y de sostenerte en sus manos, para que tus pies no tropiecen con las piedras.* Pero Jesús le respondió: También está escrito: *No tentarás al Señor, tu Dios,*

Concluidas las tentaciones, el diablo se retiró de él, hasta que llegara la hora.

## Palabra del Señor.

**Deacon:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Homily / Homilía

Archbishop Charles Chaput

## Recessional Hymn / Himno de salida

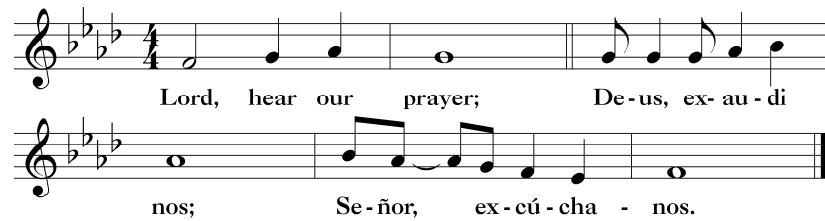
Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

Musical notation for the Recessional Hymn, featuring four staves of music in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till all the world a-dore His sac - red name. 1. Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where the Mas - ter trod, our 2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, the 3. Each new - born fol - l'wer of the Cru - ci - fied bears 4. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your 5. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God. hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine. on the brow the seal of him who died. death has bought us life e - ter - nal - ly. to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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**Las intercesiones para los Elegidos y los Candidato**



- That together we may fruitfully employ this Lenten season to renew ourselves through self-denial and works of holiness, let us pray to the Lord:
- That our elect may always remember this day of their election and be grateful for the blessings they have received from heaven, let us pray to the Lord:
- That our candidates preparing for reception into full communion with the Catholic Church may grow daily in fidelity to their baptismal covenant, let us pray to the Lord:
- That their teachers may always convey the beauty of God's word and that their godparents and sponsors may be living examples of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:
- That their families may help them to follow the promptings of the Spirit and that their communities may grow in charity and be constant in prayer during this Lenten period, let us pray to the Lord:

**Prayer over Elect and Candidates /**

**Oración sobre los Elegidos y los Candidatos**

**Blessing and Dismissal / Bendición y Despido**

**Presentation of Catechumens / Presentación de los Catecúmenos**

*The catechumens are presented to the Archbishop after which they return to their pews following the directions of the ushers.*

**Affirmation / Afirmación**

*The Archbishop questions the godparents three times as to the readiness of the catechumens to be elected for the Easter Sacraments.*

**Godparents respond each time: *They have.***

*The Archbishop questions the assembly's intention to support the testimony concerning the Catechumens' readiness and to include them in prayer as Easter approaches.*

**Assembly responds: *We are.***

**Invitation and Enrollment of Names / Invitación e Inscriptión de los nombres**

*The Archbishop asks the catechumens if they wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.*

**Catechumens respond: *We do.***

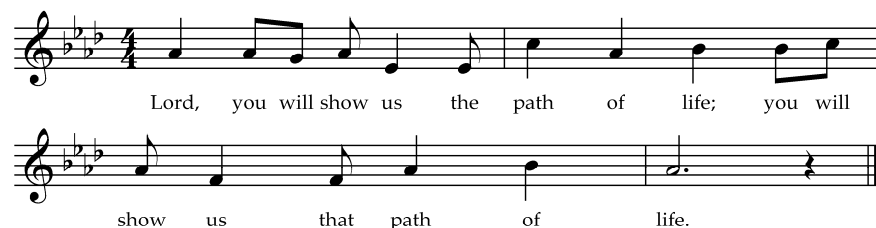
*The Archbishop then invites the catechumens to offer their names for enrollment. The Books of the Elect from each parish, containing the names of the catechumens, are now carried in procession and presented to the Archbishop.*

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## Processional Song / Canto Procesionales

James Chepponis

Psalm 16



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## Act of Admission or Election / Acto de Admisión o Elección

*Turning to the catechumens, the Archbishop declares them members of the elect.*

**Archbishop:** I now declare you to be members of the elect, to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the next Easter Vigil.

**Elect:** ***Thanks be to God.***

**Arzobispo:** Ahora los declaro miembros de los elegidos para ser iniciados en los sagrados misterios durante la próxima Vigilia Pascual.

**Elegidos:** ***Demos gracias a Dios.***

*The Archbishop continues addressing the newly elected, and their godparents encouraging them in their fidelity to the Lord and preparation for the Sacraments.*

### ***Celebration of the Call to Continuing Conversion /***

### ***Celebración de Llamado a los Candidatos***

### ***a la Conversión Continua***

## **Presentation of the Candidates / Presentación de los candidatos**

*The candidates are presented to the Archbishop after which they return to their pews following the directions of the ushers.*

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## Affirmation / Afirmación

*The Archbishop questions the sponsors four times concerning the readiness of the candidates.*

**The Sponsors respond each time: *They have.***

*The Archbishop questions the assembly's intention to support the testimony concerning the candidates' readiness and to include them in prayer as Easter approaches.*

**The Assembly responds: *We are.***

## Act of Recognition / Acto de Reconocimiento

*The Archbishop recognizes the candidates' desire to be sealed with the Holy Spirit and participate in Eucharistic Communion. He invites them to continue their journey of conversion.*

**Archbishop:** Candidates, the Church recognizes your desire to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and to have a place at Christ's Eucharistic table. Join with us this Lent in a spirit of repentance. Hear the Lord's call to conversion and be faithful to your baptismal covenant.

**Candidates:** ***Thanks be to God.***

**Arzobispo:** La Iglesia reconoce el deseo de ustedes de ser sellados el don del Espíritu Santo y de participar en la mesa eucarística de Cristo. Unanse a nosotros esta Cuaresma en un espíritu de arrepentimiento. Escuchen el llamado del Señor a la conversión y sean fieles a su alianza bautismal.

**Candidatos:** ***Demos gracias a Dios.***

*The Archbishop encourages the sponsors to continue their support of the candidates in their preparation for the Sacraments.*