RITE of ELECTION AND CALL to Continuing Conversion



Archdiocese of Philadelphia Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

First Sunday of Lent, 2014

RITE of Election of Catechumens

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.

The Order of Service / Orden Del Servicio

Introductory Rites / Ritos Iniciales

Entrance Hymn / Canto de Entrada



LITURGY of THE WORD / LITURGIA de LA PALABRA

FIRST READING/PRIMERA LECTURA

GENESIS 2, 7-9; 3,1-7

Lectura del libro del Génesis 2, 7-9; 3, 1-7

Después de haber creado el cielo y la tierra, el Señor Dios tomó polvo del suelo y con él formó al hombre; le sopló en las narices un aliento de vida, y el hombre comenzó a vivir. Después plantó el Señor un jardín al oriente del Edén y allí puso al hombre que había formado. El Señor Dios hizo brotar del suelo toda clase de árboles, de hermoso aspecto y sabrosos frutos, y además, en medio del jardín, el árbol de la vida y el árbol del conocimiento del bien y del mal.

La serpiente, que era el más astuto de los animales del campo que había creado el Señor Dios, dijo a la mujer: "¿Conque Dios les ha prohibido comer de todos los árboles del jardín?"

La mujer respondió: "Podemos comer del fruto de todos los árboles del huerto, pero del árbol que está en el centro del jardín, dijo Dios: No comerán de él ni lo tocarán, porque de lo contrario, habrán de morir".

La serpiente replicó a la mujer: "De ningún modo. No morirán. Bien sabe Dios que el día que coman de los frutos de ese árbol, se les abrirán a ustedes los ojos y serán como Dios, que conoce el bien y el mal".

La mujer vio que el árbol era bueno para comer, agradable a la vista y codiciable, además, para alcanzar la sabiduría. Tomó, pues, de su fruto, comió y le dio a su marido, el cual también comió. Entonces se les abrieron los ojos a los dos y se dieron cuenta de que estaban desnudos. Entrelazaron unas hojas de higuera y se las ciñeron para cubrirse.

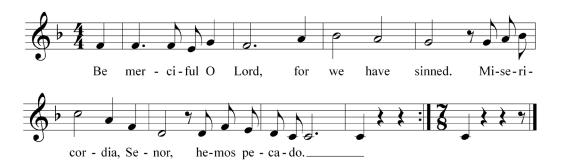
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM / SALMO RESPONSORIAL

Psalm 51

ELEASAR CORTEZ



- 1. Dios mio, por tu bondad, miserecordia, por tu inmensa compasion borra mi culpa. Lavame di todos mi delitos, y limpia mi pecado.
- 2. For I acknoledge well my offens, an my sin is always before me: "Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight."
- 3.Oh Dios, crea en mi un corazion puro, renueva en mi un espiritu firme; no me arrojes lejos de tu rostro, ni tu santo espiritu me quites.
- 4. Give me back the joy of your salvation, a willing spirit it sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

SECUNDO LECTURA/SECOND READING

Lectura de la carta del apóstol san Pablo a los romanos 5, 12. 17-19 Romans 5:12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters:

Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God.

how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ

overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned.

For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation;

but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal.

For if, by the transgression of the one,

death came to reign through that one,

how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification

come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one,

the many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION / ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO JAMES J. CHEPPONIS



One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel / Evangelio Matthew 4:1-11 Lectura del santo Evangelio según san Mateo 4, 1-11

En aquel tiempo, Jesús fue conducido por el Espíritu al desierto, para ser tentado por el demonio. Pasó cuarenta días y cuarenta noches sin comer y, al final, tuvo hambre. Entonces se le acercó el tentador y le dijo: "Si tú eres el Hijo de Dios, manda que estas piedras se conviertan en panes". Jesús le respondió: "Está escrito: No sólo de pan vive el hombre, sino también de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios".

Entonces el diablo lo llevó a la ciudad santa, lo puso en la parte más alta del templo y le dijo: "Si eres el Hijo de Dios, échate para abajo, porque está escrito: Mandará a sus ángeles que te cuiden y ellos te tomarán en sus manos, para que no tropiece tu pie en piedra alguna". Jesús le contestó: "También está escrito: No tentarás al Señor, tu Dios".

Luego lo llevó el diablo a un monte muy alto y desde ahí le hizo ver la grandeza de todos los reinos del mundo y le dijo: "Te daré todo esto, si te postras y me adoras". Pero Jesús le replicó: "Retírate, Satanás, porque está escrito: Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios, y a él sólo servirás".

Entonces lo dejó el diablo y se acercaron los ángeles para servirle.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily / Homilía

ARCHBISHOP CHARLES J. CHAPUT

Celebration of Election / Celebración de la elección

Presentation of Catechumens / Presentación de los Catecúmenos

The catechumens are presented to the Archbishop 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

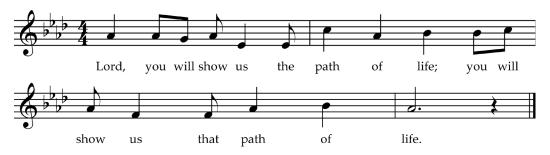
The Archbishop asks the catechumens if they wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

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.

Processional Song / Canto Procesionales

JAMES J. CHEPPONIS



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 following the directions of the ushers.

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 con-

versión 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.

Intercessions for the Elect and the Candidates / 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

RECESSIONAL HYMN / HIMNO DE SALIDA



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Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Director

CHRISTIAN INITIATION INFORMATION PERIODIC MAILING FEBRUARY 2014

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Additional information on the Christian Initiation of adults can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship, under the heading *Christian Initiation*:

http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/worship.htm

Please contact the Office for Divine Worship at 215-587-3537 or worship@adphila.org with any questions.

REMINDERS

- Full Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and the first reception of Communion—apart from the
 Solemn Paschal Vigil, outside the immediate danger of death, requires the permission of the
 Archbishop (see RCIA, no. 331). Archbishop Chaput delegates the Office for Divine Worship to give this
 permission. Please contact the Office for Divine Worship for such circumstances.
- All baptized non-Catholic children over the age of seven whose parents/guardians wish for them to come into full communion with the Catholic Church do so with the rites for the Reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church (see RCIA, nos. 473-504). So, children, baptized as non-Catholics, receive Confirmation and Communion in the same celebration when they are received into the Catholic Church. The Profession of Faith within the rite and the Act of Reception are essential elements of this rite.
- Orthodox Christians are received into full communion of the Catholic Church with a Profession of Faith (see RCIA, no. 474). For assistance in this regard, see Admission of an Orthodox Christian into the Catholic Church in Other than their Parallel Ritual Church:

http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/pdf/AdmissionofOrthodoxChristian.pdf

THE CELEBRATION OF THE RITE OF ELECTION AND OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

The Celebration of the Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates will take place in three sessions during the weekend of the First Sunday of Lent, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia:

Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 2:30 PM Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 6:30 PM Sunday, March 9, 2014 at 2:30 PM

Details regarding the *Celebration of the Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion* have been distributed by e-mail in January 2014 to all parish Liturgy Contacts, parish Christian Initiation Coordinators, and DRE's, and can also be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

The Call to Continuing Conversion is meant for adults (and not children) who are baptized and will be received into full communion or be confirmed and/or receive Holy Communion for the first time but also have distanced themselves from the Faith. In other words, a baptized formerly church going Protestant or a practicing Catholic who will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or the Eucharist during Easter Time does not typically participate in the Call to Continuing Conversion.

Parishes are encouraged to observe the Sending of Catechumens for Election (see RCIA, nos. 106-117) or the Rite of Sending the Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop and for the Call to Continuing Conversion (see RCIA, nos. 434-445) or the Parish Celebration for Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop (see RCIA, nos. 530-546), depending on the local circumstances, the week or so before the Celebration of the Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates on the First Sunday of Lent at the Cathedral Basilica.

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST AT THE SOLEMN PASCHAL VIGIL

In accord with the United States National Statutes for the Catechumenate (November 11, 1986) 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* (see RCIA, nos. 473-504). No additional permission is required for this Reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

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.

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 for 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 (see nos. 30-37) should be increasingly observed.

The rite for the Reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church is found in the ritual book, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (see RCIA, nos. 473-504). Preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for baptized non-Catholics are an essential element of their Reception (See RCIA, no. 482).

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 full communion with 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, June 8, 2014 during the 6:30 PM Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. 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 has been distributed by e-mail this month, February 2014, to all parish Liturgy Contacts, parish Christian Initiation Coordinators, and DRE's, and can also be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

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.

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. If you have any questions about this faculty, please contact the Office for Divine Worship. There is no need for an additional letter requesting this faculty during the period specified by the Archbishop.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

PLANNING FOR THE PERIOD OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

For both the elect and the local community, therefore, the Lenten season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery. This is a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more in interior reflection than in catechetical instruction, and is intended to purify the minds and hearts of the elect as they search their own consciences and do penance. This period is intended as well to enlighten the minds and hearts of the elect with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior (RCLA, see nos. 138-139).

- If catechumens were unable, for one reason or another, to participate in the Rite of Election on the First Sunday of Lent, the pastor should elect them, keeping in mind numbers 127-128 of the ritual book, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.
- The scrutinies for the elect during Lent are not optional and should be carried out with a proper explanation to the elect and to the faithful. The description of the scrutinies, as found in nos. 141-143 of the ritual book, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, can be helpful explanations for the elect and the faithful. Typically, the scrutinies are celebrated with the proper ritual Mass in the Roman Missal, For the Celebration of the Scrutinies, on the

RCIA Day of Reflection

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Sponsored by the Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Philadelphia with Malvern Retreat House

Saturday, April 12, 2014 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Living from the Cross and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus

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

9:00 AM	Arrival/Registration/Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer and Conference
10:15 AM	Reflection Time
10:30 AM	Penitential Celebration
10:45 AM	Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (for Candidates only
	Reflection Time
11:45 AM	Midmorning Prayer and Conference
12:15 AM	Lunch



Questions? Contact Gerri O'Reilly at 484-321-2517 or email at goreilly@MalvernRetreat.com

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Parish Name/Town			
Email Address			
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Team Members	Candidates	Sponsors	