



Instructions for the Rite of Election at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral - Sunday, March 9, 2025

In a memorandum sent by the Divine Worship Office of our diocese with an attached form, some instructions were offered for this date. The department of Faith Formation in the Office of Evangelization and Discipleship would like to share more details, to allow the celebration flow smoothly.

Information you should know:

- **The rite begins at 4:30 pm** Please be there no later than 4:00 pm as it takes time to get everyone seated in their designated areas. You will notice that there is a Mass (Spanish) at 2:30 pm at the cathedral that typically lets out around 3:40 pm. If you arrive around that time, you will notice people leaving the cathedral. **Please wait until the Mass is over and the faithful have left to enter the church.**
- The hospitality team and the ushers will tell you when to enter the sanctuary and place you in your deanery.
- The parishes will be placed by deanery inside the cathedral. Tell the usher which parish you come from and which deanery you belong.
- Each deanery will have assigned pews in which the catechumen, the godfather or godmother and the person delegated by the parish to present the Book of the Elects to the bishop will be seated.
- Parents, relatives, and friends will sit on the reserved pews that the ushers show.
- The parishes will be named in alphabetical order to present the catechumens accompanied by their godfather or godmother.
- The delegated person or catechist from each parish will take the Book of the Elects and present it to Bishop Luis.

During the Rite of Election

- The Rite of Election takes place after the homily.
- The catechist or delegated person should be prepared with the book to come forward with the catechumens and godparents when hearing their parish name.
- The catechist or delegated person shows the book to the bishop and places it on the table to be signed by the bishop.
- Once the bishop signs the book, the catechist or delegated person returns to his/her place with the book while the catechumen and godfather or godmother are guided to the Presbytery by an usher.
- Once all the parishes have been named, the Rite of Election continues.
- Once the rite is over, everyone returns to their pews in an orderly manner and keeping the due reverence.

Photographs

- Photos with the bishop and family members should be taken once the rite has concluded.

Please share this information in advance to the catechumens, relatives, and godparents.

May our prayer and that of our communities accompany and strengthen all the catechumens in this stage of their process.