



Rite of Sending  
Rite of Acceptance  
February 29, 2020

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# What is it?

- ▶ **434. This optional rite is provided for parishes whose candidates seeking to complete their Christian initiation or to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church will be recognized by the bishop in a subsequent celebration (for example, at the cathedral with the bishop.)**

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## How is it done?

- ▶ 1. The Rite will take place on **Saturday** February 29, 2020 the 4:30 pm Mass.
- ▶ 2. Meet Richard at the Welcome Kiosk **no later than 4:00 pm.**
- ▶ 3. **Bring your sponsor.** If your sponsor is unavailable let Richard know at least a week in advance so a proxy can be arranged.
- ▶ 4. Dress appropriately (business casual attire)
- ▶ 5. All Catechumen (Becky, Bonnie and Brad) will sit together in the reserved RCIA pews with their sponsors.
- ▶ 6. All Candidates (everyone else) will sit together in the reserved RCIA pews with their sponsors.

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- ▶ 7. Following the Homily, I will call out the names of the Catechumem. Stand as I call your name.
- ▶ 8. When Father Don calls the Catechumen forward you will line up on the steps of the Altar with the Catechumen standing on the floor and the sponsors standing on the first step with their hand on your right shoulder.
- ▶ 9. I will then call out the names of the Candidates. Stand as I call your name.
- ▶ 10. When Father Don calls the Candidates forward you will line up on the steps of the Altar with the Candidates standing on the floor and the sponsors standing on the first step with their hand on your right shoulder.

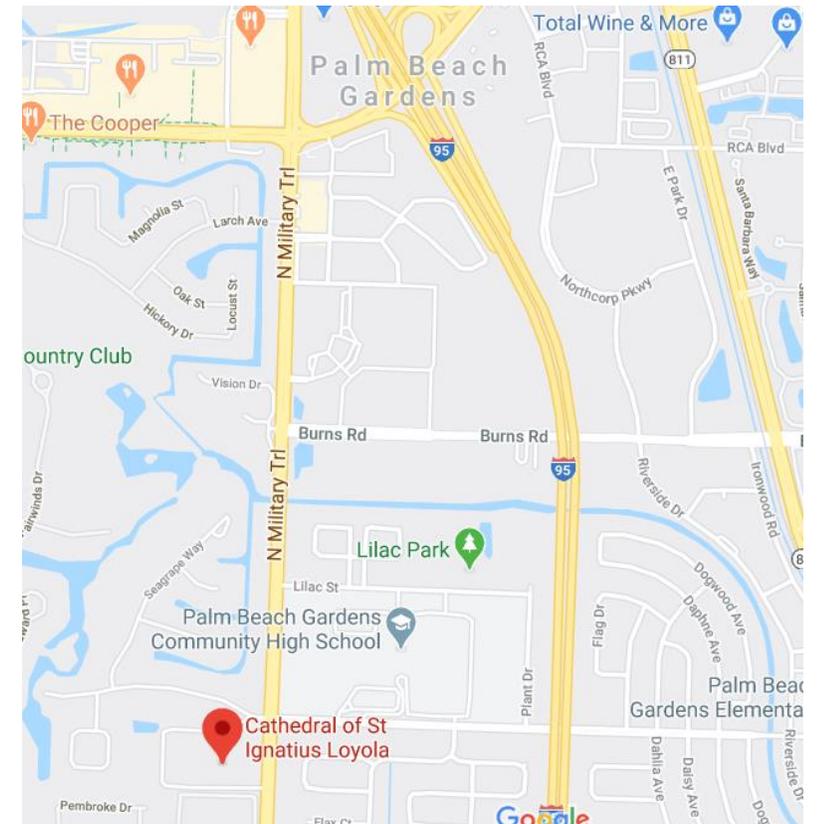
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- ▶ The sponsors will be asked by Father Don:
  - ▶ Fr. Don: I turn to you, Godparents and sponsors, for your testimony. Have these Catechumen and candidates taken seriously their formation in the Gospel and in the Catholic way of life?
  - ▶ **Sponsors: They have!**
  - ▶ Fr. Don: Do you consider them ready to be presented to the Bishop for the Rite of Election?
  - ▶ **Sponsors: I do!**
- ▶ When directed, the Catechumen will sign the Book of the Elect.
- ▶ When directed, we will all process down the main aisle and head over to the Parish Hall.

# Intermission

- ▶ Following the Rite of Sending, we will have light meal in the Parish Hall.
- ▶ We will leave the Parish Hall at 5:45 pm and travel to the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola, 9999 N Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.
- ▶ We must all be seated at the Cathedral by no later than 6:20.
- ▶ There should be no photography or video recording.
- ▶ The Rite of Election will last until about 8:30 pm after which there is a reception in the Church Hall. You are not required to attend the reception.



# Rite of Election

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- ▶ Seating is arranged by parish. Please follow the directions of the Ushers. In the parish's seating area, Catechumens and sponsors are seated side by side then Candidates and their Sponsors.
- ▶ Families and friends will be seated in areas designated for guests.
- ▶ The Bishop will first ask the Catechumens to come forward with their sponsors as their names are being called. The sponsor is to process directly behind the Catechumen. Upon reaching the Bishop, the sponsor puts his/her right hand on the right shoulder of the Catechumen to be presented. The Bishop will shake the hand of both Catechumen and sponsor.
- ▶ After they have been greeted by the Bishop, they return single file to their pews. The same order will follow for the presentation of Candidates and their sponsors.

# What Next?

- ▶ The Easter Vigil.
- ▶ Saturday, April 11, 2020.
- ▶ There will be a rehearsal and the The Rite of Ephphetha in the morning, an afternoon break and then Mass starting at approximately sunset.
- ▶ More details to come...

QUESTIONS?

