



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII  
**DIOCESE OF HONOLULU**  
WITNESS TO JESUS

## Memorandum

**TO: All Pastors, Parishes & RCIA Coordinators**

**FROM: Rev. Alfred Omar Guerrero, Director**

**DATE: December 29, 2023**

**RE: Rites of Election & List of Catechumens (Due: January 25, 2024)**

We are beginning our preparations for the 2024 Lenten Season and the celebrations of the Rite of Election. Please note that the Rite of Election will be celebrated at the following times and locations:

**Kauai Vicariate:** Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Lihue (Mass with Bishop Larry Silva).

**Maui Vicariate:** Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church in Wailuku (Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with Vicar Forane).

**East Hawai'i Vicariate:** Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Hilo (Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with Vicar Forane).

**West Hawai'i Vicariate:** Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Kailua-Kona (Mass with Vicar Forane).

**Oahu Vicariates:** Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu (Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with Bishop Larry Silva).

For the parishes on the islands of Lanai and Molokai, Bishop Larry has decided to delegate (RCIA no. #12 & 121) each pastor or parochial vicar to preside over the Rite of Election in their own parish on the weekend of the First Sunday of Lent.

In these parishes, the Rite of Election is celebrated as part of the Liturgy of the Word during the celebration of the Sunday Mass, and the Elect (and all other catechumens) are dismissed for further reflection on the readings before the recitation on the Creed. The rite can be found in the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** book paragraphs #118-136.

We are requesting that you submit the names of the catechumens your parish will be sending to participate in the Rite of Election on the enclosed form no later than **Thursday, January 25, 2024** to guarantee their names be listed in the Hawaii Catholic Herald. Catechumens are those who are unbaptized and preparing for the Sacraments

of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please send your list by email to [alquerrero@rcchawaii.org](mailto:alquerrero@rcchawaii.org). If you don't have any catechumens this year, send the form anyway making a mark in the box labeled 'NONE'.

While it is not necessary to supply the individual names of candidates for Full Communion, do provide us with the number of candidates on the same form. For the Oahu and Hawai'i parishes, please include the total number of people you anticipate will attend the Rite of Election from your parish.

Although candidates for Full Communion do not participate in the Rite of Election itself, **they are welcome to attend as part of the baptized assembly and to support those preparing for baptism.**

Parishes are also reminded to bring your *Book of the Elect* unsigned to the celebration. During the Rite, the catechumens will sign their names in the *Book of the Elect*. Then the Pastor or RCIA coordinator will present the book to the Bishop (or Vicar Forane) for his signature.

Parishes are encouraged to use the Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election in their Sunday liturgy prior to the Rite of Election.

Clergy will not vest for the celebration of the Rite of Election where it is a Liturgy of the Word (except for the Vicars Forane) but are encouraged to participate with the members of their parish.

Also, please remember that the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) for adults and children of catechetical age (age 7 or older) should take place at the Easter Vigil itself.

It is preferable that reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church not take place at the Easter Vigil; however, if it is celebrated, the appropriate combined rite should be used found in the appendix to the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

As a reminder during the period of the catechumenate a rite of anointing the catechumens, through the use of the oil of catechumens, may be celebrated whenever this seems beneficial or desirable. The presiding celebrant for such a first anointing of the catechumens is a priest or a deacon" (RCIA #98). Priests and deacons should arrange for such anointing at least once during the catechumenate, following the directives in RCIA #93 – 103. This pre-baptismal anointing should not take place at the Easter Vigil for adults or children of catechetical age.

Please feel free to contact me at the Office of Worship, 808-585-3342 or email at [alquerrero@rcchawaii.org](mailto:alquerrero@rcchawaii.org) should you have any questions. Blessings!

Enclosure

## RITE OF ELECTION 2024

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_ ISLAND: \_\_\_\_\_

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

RCIA Coordinator email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell)

Catechumens Participating at the Rite of Election:      None

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY THE NAMES OF ELECT ONLY**

ADULTS	CHILDREN

For Kauai, Maui and Oahu:  
 Number of Catechumens attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate number attending from your parish: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

[No. of Full Communion: \_\_\_\_ Adults    \_\_\_\_ Teens    \_\_\_\_ Children]

[PLEASE DO NOT LIST YOUR FULL COMMUNION CANDIDATES on FORM]  
**FORM DUE ON: Thursday, January 25, 2024**  
 Questions call Office of Worship – 808-585-3342  
 Email: [alquerrero@rcchawaii.org](mailto:alquerrero@rcchawaii.org)