



DIOCESE *of* GAYLORD

DATE: January 23, 2025
TO: Clergy, Directors of Parish Life, and OCIA leaders
FROM: Cameron Diachun, Director, Office of Worship
RE: **Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion – March 9, 2025**

On Sunday, March 9, 2025, the Diocese of Gaylord will celebrate the combined Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion.

The liturgy will begin at 3:30 p.m. All are invited to a reception with light refreshments at 2:30 p.m. before the liturgy begins. Please ask all your catechumens, candidates, and their guests to arrive by 3:15 p.m. Everyone should be in their seats by 3:25 pm.

The parish leader or designated presenter for each parish will need to check in to receive their parish folder containing the nametags for catechumens, candidates, godparents, and sponsors; a seating chart; participant list; and a copy of the “Guidelines for Presenters, Catechumens, and Candidates.” Greeters and ushers will be present to assist you in finding your seats.

Please **fill out** the attached Parish Information Sheet and **return no later than Monday, February 17th, 2025.**

Please remember to bring your Book of the Elect already signed by the catechumens during the parish Rite of Sending. The individual who will present the catechumens should be prepared to read names from the Book of Elect and present it to Bishop Walsh during the rite.

There will be the opportunity for each parish group to have a photo taken with Bishop Walsh following the liturgy. The sequence in which the photos will be taken is based on the geographically furthest to closest parish locations. Photos will be made available soon after the event.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email at cdiachun@dioceseofgaylord.org or phone 989-705-3519 (office) or 989-619-2391 (work cell) if you have questions.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and inspire you in your ministry with our brothers and sisters on their journey of faith.

Cameron Diachun,
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