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**TO:** RCIA Team Leaders & Parish Representatives  
**FROM:** Sue A. Huett, Director  
**RE:** Rite of Election

On the first Sunday of Lent, churches throughout the world will celebrate the “rite of election.” As you are aware, this rite is among the last steps the catechumens and candidates take before they pass through the waters of Baptism, are sealed with the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, and take their place at the Eucharistic table. Like all of the liturgies of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, this “election” is rich in meaning for all who take part.

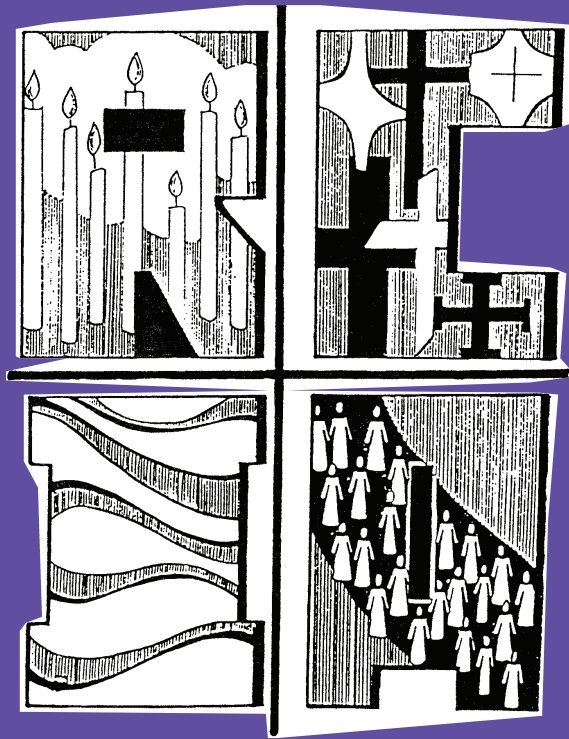
Because this is a day to celebrate, as on all festive occasions, it is a day to dress up. While trying to be sensitive to all situations, I would like to encourage you to simply ask the catechumens and candidates to dress modestly for this special occasion. Jeans, low-cut or high rise tops, and flip flop shoes or sandals would not be appropriate for the day.

Your catechumens and candidates have looked to you for direction throughout this time of preparation. It may be the first time they have visited the Cathedral, the mother Church of the diocese, or met with our Bishop. They may not know what type of clothing would be proper for an occasion such as this. Giving them some direction and suggestions regarding clothing that would be fitting for the day would simply be an extension of the commitment you have made to them and the responsibility you have of guiding a new Christian along the path of discipleship.

Thank you for preparing your catechumens and candidates for this exciting moment on their spiritual journey. I look forward to seeing you on February 21.

Peace and all good things.

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



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**CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010  
2:00 P.M.  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**GATHERING WITH BISHOP BRAXTON  
1:30 P.M.**

**RITE OF ELECTION AND  
CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION**

**PARTICIPATION FORM**

**Sunday, February 21, 2010 2:00 P.M.**

*Please return this form to the Office of Worship no later than Wednesday, February 10, 2010*

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Deanery: \_\_\_\_\_ RCIA Parish Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate below how many ribbons and name tags are needed for your parish and return to the Office of Worship **no later than Wednesday, February 10, 2010**

<p><b>TOTAL NUMBER OF:</b></p> <p>Catechumens _____</p> <p>Godparents _____</p> <p>Candidates _____</p> <p>Sponsors _____</p>	<p><b><u>GATHERING WITH BISHOP BRAXTON</u></b></p> <p>Bishop Braxton would like to meet with <b>catechumens and candidates</b> at 1:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Cathedral.</p> <p>Number of catechumens _____</p> <p>Number of candidates _____</p>
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**SEND RIBBONS AND NAMETAGS TO: (please print)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parking is available on the Cathedral, McCormick Center, and Cathedral School lots. A handicap accessible ramp is located at the east entrance of the Cathedral. The sanctuary is also handicap accessible.

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***Please watch for instructions for the Catechumenate Director/Parish Representative and information for Sponsors and Godparents in future Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion correspondence from the Office of Worship.***