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WELCOME CANDIDATES

The Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates

Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

**Cathedral of Saint Peter
315 Wyoming Avenue
Scranton, PA 18503**

In order to make your experience at the Rite of Election as pleasant as possible, below is information which should answer any questions you may have about the service.

1. The solemnity of this occasion should be reflected in the choice of attire. Recreational attire is not appropriate.
2. There is parking on the lot between the Chancery and the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Arrangements have also been made for the parking lot on the Linden Street side of the Cathedral to be open at 1:00 PM that day. On-street parking is free on Sunday.
3. All candidates, sponsors, and guests are to go directly to the Cathedral, and should arrive no later than 2:00 p.m.
4. Candidates, their sponsors and family members may sit anywhere behind the reserved section. The sponsor of the candidate will sit beside the candidate.
5. Candidates for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church are not called by individual names, but by the parish name.

CELEBRATION OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

- When the catechumens have returned to their seats, the names of the parishes of the candidates will be called.
- Candidates will stand when the name of their parish is called.
- Candidates and sponsors should follow the Bishop's instruction and respond loudly to his questions which are found in your program.
- The sponsor will place his/her right hand on the candidate's shoulder when instructed to do so by the Bishop.

There will be someone from the Cathedral to assist you at all times.