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WELCOME CATECHUMENS

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

Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 2:30 PM

**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 Sundays.
3. All Catechumens, godparents, and guests are to go directly to the Cathedral and should arrive no later than 2:00 p.m.
4. Catechumens and their godparents will go directly to the Cathedral and sit in the designated section. There will be ushers there to assist you.
5. The godparent is to sit beside the catechumen.

CELEBRATION OF ELECTION

- Following the Liturgy of the Word, the names of the catechumens will be called by the parish coordinator or their designated representative.
- The catechumen and their godparent, who is seated next to the catechumen will stand at your seat when your name is called.
- Catechumens and godparents should follow the Bishop's instruction and respond loudly to his questions which are found in your program.
- When the Presenter invites the catechumens and their godparent to come forward into the sanctuary, please know that a ramp is available for those who need assistance along the right side wall.

- Catechumens will sign the Book of the Elect at the Altar rail. The Master of Ceremonies will lead you forward to the altar rail when the Bishop says, *"Then offer your names for enrollment."*
- After signing the Book of the Elect, please turn toward the Bishop in the sanctuary for the completion of this part of the ceremony.
- The Godparent will place his/her right hand on the catechumen's shoulder when instructed to do so by the Bishop.

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