



RITE OF ELECTION

Sunday, February 22, 2026
Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
New start time at 5:00 pm

IMPORTANT Information Please share this in advance with the catechumens, their godparents, and their families.

- The Rite begins at **5:00 pm**. Please arrive no later than 4:15 pm to allow enough time for everyone to be seated in their assigned areas by **4:45 pm**.
- If you arrive before 3:45 pm, please wait until the (2:30 pm-3:30 pm) Mass has ended and the faithful have departed before entering the church.
- A **hospitality team and ushers** will be available with instructions to guide you to your deanery's section.
- Parishes will be seated by deanery inside the cathedral. Please inform the usher of the name of your parish and to which deanery it belongs.
- The pews reserved by deanery will be designated for the **catechumen**, his or her **godparent**, and the **parish representative** responsible for bringing the Book of the Elect to the bishop.
- Parents, family members, and friends will sit in the pews indicated by the ushers.

During the Rite of Election

- The Rite takes place **after the homily**.
- Parishes will be called in alphabetical order.
- One representative or catechist will bring the Book of the Elect from their parish to Bishop Luis Rafael.
- All names must be written in the Book ahead of time.
- The catechist or parish delegate carries the book, moving forward when the name of their parish is called. **At the same time, when the parish name is called, the catechumens and their godparents will stand and remain standing in their places (pews) until the Rite is completed.**
- The catechist or delegate will present the book to the bishop and place it on the table for his signature.
- After the bishop signs the book, the catechist or delegate will return to his or her seat with the book.
- Once all parishes have been called, the Rite will continue as prescribed.
- At the conclusion of the Rite, all are invited to maintain an attitude of reverence.

Photographs

The photographs with the bishop and family members (optional) will take place *outside the Cathedral once the Rite is over*.

Contact Xochitl Martinez with any questions: Xochitl.Martinez@raldioc.org

May our prayers and those of our communities accompany and strengthen all catechumen during this stage and throughout their journey of faith.