



Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

† OFFICE OF LITURGY

MEMORANDUM

TO: PASTORS, PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATORS, PASTORAL ADMINISTRATORS, RCIA/Catechumenate/RCIA Directors

**FROM: Father Jim Bessert, Director of the Office of Liturgy
(On behalf of the RCIA Steering Committee)**

DATE: January 19, 2017

RE: The Rite of Election & Call to Continuing Conversion

Lent will be here before we know it which means it is now time to think of **The Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion**.

Please note: Because of the renovation/restoration project of our Cathedral, this year's celebrations will be held at two different locations in our Diocese:

**Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.
at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Midland**

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**Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.
at Blessed Trinity Parish, Frankenmuth**

***Please see the attached list to know when your Parish is scheduled.
If you prefer to attend on the alternate day,
please email the Office of Liturgy immediately at smeyers@dioceseofsaginaw.org.***

The second step in Christian initiation is the liturgical rite called both election and the enrollment of the names, which closes the period of the Catechumenate proper, that is, the lengthy period of formation of the catechumens' minds and hearts. The celebration of the rite of election, which actually coincides with the opening of Lent, also marks the beginning of the period of final, more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation, during which the elect will be encouraged to follow Christ with greater generosity. [#118]

This step is called election because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts. The step is also called the enrollment of names because, as a pledge of fidelity, the [catechumens] inscribe their names in the book that lists those who have been chosen for initiation. [#119b]

-The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

NB: If you have any questions regarding these guidelines or baptisms recognized as valid by the Roman Catholic Church (see page 20), please call the Office of Liturgy at 989.797.6665.

ASSIGNED SEATING

We will continue with the practice of assigned seating by the RCIA Steering Committee. We recommend that you allow for the initiation director, a couple of team members, the pastor, catechumens and candidates, and two persons (perhaps spouse and sponsor) per adult catechumen/candidate or three persons (perhaps parents and sponsor) per child/youth catechumen or candidate.

Upon your arrival on the day for the Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion you will be greeted by hospitality ministers who will show you and/or your group to your seats. Please make sure that invited guests know which parish they should sit with. The rows will be clearly marked with the parish name and the number of seats that you reserved.

MYSTAGOGIA MASS

**This special Mass celebrated by
Most Revered Joseph R. Cistone, D.D.
Shepherd of our Diocese
for Neophytes
and
those received into full reception
in the Roman Catholic Church
will be celebrated on
Sunday, April 30, 2017
at Saint Andrew Church
612 N. Michigan Avenue, Saginaw
at 5:30 p.m.**

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Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend with those fully initiated into the Catholic Church at this year's Easter Vigil.

THOSE FOR WHOM THE RITE OF ELECTION IS INTENDED

CATECHUMENS: UNBAPTIZED adults and children, age 7 or older, who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

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THOSE FOR WHOM THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION IS INTENDED

CANDIDATES: Adults and children, age 7 or older, baptized in other Christian denominations that will be welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church (through Confirmation and Eucharist) AND adults baptized Catholic but never catechized (also seeking Confirmation and Eucharist).

Please note the baptisms recognized by the Catholic Church on page 20.

THOSE WHO SHOULD NOT ATTEND

- A. Adult or youth Confirmation candidates who have already been baptized and received Eucharist.

-OR-

- B. Children who have already been baptized Catholic and are preparing for completion of the Sacraments of Initiation with Reception of Confirmation and Eucharist.

NB: *If you are uncertain about the category of any of your participants, please call the Office of Liturgy at 989.797.6665.*

LISTS NEEDED BY THE OFFICE OF LITURGY

Please list the **NAMES AND COMPLETE ADDRESSES** of catechumens and candidates on the forms provided in this mailing (make additional copies as needed). Their addresses are needed because Bishop Cistone will personally invite them to attend the Mystagogia Mass on April 30th. Send the lists to the Office of Liturgy no later than **Wednesday, February 1st**.

NB: *At the same time, if there has been a change of Catechumenate/Initiation Coordinator in your parish, please note this on the form. We strive to keep our mailing/contact list up-to-date. We ask that you include the email address and emergency phone number of your contact person in the parish.*

WHAT TO DO AT THE PARISH PRIOR TO THE RITE OF ELECTION

Please note that we have provided for you a “suggested” format to follow for the appropriate Rite that can be celebrated at the parish so as to provide an opportunity for the local community to affirm and send the *catechumens* to be elected [**Rite of Election**] and *candidates* to be recognized [**Call to Continuing Conversion**] by Bishop Cistone. [This “suggested” Rite is an adaptation of RCIA - Appendix I - “Sending Catechumens and Candidates.”]

SIGNING THE BOOK OF THE ELECT

- Only the Catechumens (the unbaptized) present will sign the *Book of the Elect*. Please have children, catechetical age 7 or older, practice printing or writing their names.
- The Candidates who are *Called to Continuing Conversion* for “Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church” do not bring their baptismal certificates to the Rite of Election. By virtue of their baptism they have already been “Elected” and their names have been previously recorded in a book/register where they were baptized. **However, these baptismal certificates must be obtained and retained in the parish.**

NB: Please make sure those attending the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion know whether they are a Catechumen or a Candidate and in which Rite they are participating.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DAY OF RITE OF ELECTION

We ask that the parish Catechumenate/Initiation Coordinator (or a designated representative) announce the names of the catechumens and candidates from their parish.

We will meet with those calling the names at **7:00 p.m.** for the Saturday evening celebration of the Rite and at **2:00 p.m.** for the Sunday celebration of the Rite. We will meet in a designated area [look for signs at each location]. In addition, we will review directions for the Election and signing of names by the Catechumens, as well as the recognition of the Candidates for the Call to Continuing Conversion. (See "Attachment I").

WHAT TO DO AT THE EASTER VIGIL IF YOU HAVE NO BAPTISMS TO BE CELEBRATED

We have received several calls regarding “what to do” if there is no celebration of the Rite of Baptism at Easter Vigil. The particular questions had to do with the Blessing of the Font, singing the Litany of the Saints, etc. Please refer to paragraph #42 in the Roman Missal. (The Easter Vigil in the Night, Part Three – Baptismal Liturgy).

Suggested Resources:

The Catechumenate and the Law (A Pastoral and Canonical Commentary for the Church in the United States); John M. Huels, LTP, Chicago, IL.

Forum Essays (On the Rite of Election) #3; Rita Ferrone, LTP, Chicago, IL.

One at the Table: The Reception of Baptized Christians; Ronald A. Oakham, LTP, Chicago, IL.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults; USCCB, Washington, DC.

The RCIA: Transforming the Church (A Resource for Pastoral Implementation); Thomas H. Morris, Paulist Press, New York, NY.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Liturgical Commentary; FDLC, Washington, DC.

The Sacristy Manual (2nd Edition); G. Thomas Ryan, LTP, Chicago, IL.

Sourcebook for Sundays and Seasons (An Almanac of Parish Liturgy); LTP, Chicago, IL.

Glory in the Cross: Holy Week in the Third Edition of The Roman Missal; Rev. Paul Turner, Liturgical Press.

**Parishes Scheduled for The Rite of Election
Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 7:30 pm
at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Midland**

All Saints Parish, Bay City

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Midland

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Midland

Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption Parish, Saginaw

Christ the Good Shepherd Parish, Saginaw

Corpus Christi Parish, Bay City

Holy Family Parish, Saginaw

Holy Spirit Parish, Saginaw

Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Bay City

Our Lady of Peace Parish, Bay City

Prince of Peace Parish, Linwood

St. Agnes Parish, Freeland
St. Brigid of Kildare Parish, Midland
St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Bay City
St. Dominic Parish, Saginaw
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Reese
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish, Vassar
St. Francis de Sales Parish, Bridgeport
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Saginaw
St. Gabriel Parish, Auburn
St. John XXIII Parish, Hemlock
St. John Paul II Parish, Carrollton
St. John Vianney Parish, Saginaw
St. Joseph Parish, Saginaw
St. Jude Thaddeus Parish, Essexville
St. Peter Parish, Chesaning
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Saginaw
Ss. Francis and Clare Parish, Birch Run



**Parishes Scheduled for The Rite of Election
Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.
at Blessed Trinity Parish, Frankenmuth**

Annunciation of the Lord Parish, Port Austin

Ave Maria Parish, Lexington

Blessed Trinity Parish, Frankenmuth

Good Shepherd Parish, Ubly

Holy Apostles Parish, Ruth

Holy Family Parish, Sandusky

Holy Name of Mary Parish, Harbor Beach

Holy Trinity Parish, Pinconning

Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Charles

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Mt. Pleasant

Nativity of the Lord Parish, Alma

Our Lady Consolata Parish, Cass City

Our Lady of Grace Parish, Sanford

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Clare

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Caseville

Resurrection of the Lord Parish, Standish

Sacred Heart Parish, Gladwin

St. Athanasius Parish, Harrison

St. Christopher Parish, Caro

St. Cyril Parish, Bannister

St. Hubert Parish, Bad Axe

St. Isidore Parish, Parisville

St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Beal City

St. Mark Parish, Au Gres

St. Mary University Parish, Mt. Pleasant

St. Michael Parish, Maple Grove

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Ithaca

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Shepherd



RITE OF ELECTION/CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION - 2017

Return to the Office of Liturgy by February 1st

Email: smeyers@dioceseofsaginaw.org

Fax: 989.797.6641

Parish: _____ City: _____

RCIA Director(s): _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone Number: _____ (indicate work or home)

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER: _____

NB: We have maintained the same day attendance as we have done in previous years. If you prefer to switch the day you attend the Rite of Election, we will accommodate you. Please contact the Office of Liturgy immediately via email at smeyers@dioceseofsaginaw.org with your request. Thank you.

(Check one):

_____ Attending 7:30 p.m. Rite of Election on Saturday, March 4th
at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Midland

_____ Attending 2:30 p.m. Rite of Election on Sunday, March 5th
at Blessed Trinity Parish, Frankenmuth

Number of Catechumens attending: _____

Number of Candidates attending: _____

Number of guests attending: _____

Total seats needed by your parish group: _____

_____ ***Check if space is needed for a wheelchair.***

Please return this form with your lists of Catechumens and Candidates **by Wednesday, February 1st**. Fax to 989.797.6641 or mail to Office of Liturgy, 5800 Weiss, Saginaw MI 48603, or return an email attachment to: smeyers@dioceseofsaginaw.org

*****Please take the time to read all accompanying materials*****

CATECHUMENS

Please type or print and add pages as needed.

1. Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

2. Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

3. Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

4. Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

5. Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

6. Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

7. Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

CANDIDATES -

Please type or print and add pages as needed.

1. Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Church where baptized: _____
City: _____ Denomination: _____

2. Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Church where baptized: _____
City: _____ Denomination: _____

3. Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Church where baptized: _____
City: _____ Denomination: _____

4. Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Church where baptized: _____
City: _____ Denomination: _____

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

From the Diocesan Office of Liturgy

“Preparing for the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion”

This short newsletter is being written to help you plan your parish’s **Rite of Sending to Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion**:

On the First Sunday of Lent (March 4th and 5th), Bishop Cistone will celebrate the *Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion* in the Diocese of Saginaw.

Hopefully you will find helpful information on the structure of the Rite, some considerations for adaptation to fit your local needs, and hints on how to solicit good testimony.

Because there are different publications of the ritual text, for our purposes here, we will refer to paragraph numbers and not page numbers. All publishers use the same paragraph numbers (page numbers will vary from publisher to publisher.) There may also be some confusion concerning the language in the ritual text. It may appear that the words Catechumen and Candidate are used interchangeably. All persons who are receiving sacraments are **Candidates** for that particular Sacrament. We still need to make clear distinctions about the people in our process (Catechumens and Candidates.)

If at any time you have questions or comments about the Sacraments of Initiation, please feel free to call us. We are here to help you.

Sincerely,



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Election: What is it?

What follows are the paragraphs in the Ritual Text that deal with Election of Catechumens in our parishes. (*Catechumens are the people who are seeking all three of the initiation sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.*) Later in this newsletter we will address issues that surround Candidates (*those already baptized into another Faith tradition*) who are seeking Full Communion into the Church. We'll briefly look at the documentation and offer some insight to crucial points.

Paragraph 118: *The second step in Christian Initiation is the liturgical rite called both election and the enrollment of names, which closes the period of the Catechumenate proper ...*

119: *At this second step, on the basis of the testimony of godparents and of the catechumens' reaffirmation of their intention, the Church judges their state of readiness and decides on their advancement toward the sacraments of initiation. Thus the Church makes its "election," that is, the choice and admission of those Catechumens who have dispositions that make them fit to take part, at the next major celebration, in the sacraments of initiation. This step is called election because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts. The step is also called the enrollment of names because as a pledge of fidelity the candidates inscribe their names in the book that lists those who have been chosen for election.*

120: *Before the rite of election is celebrated, the catechumens are expected to have undergone a conversion in mind and in action and to have developed a sufficient acquaintance with Christian teaching as well as a spirit of faith and charity.*

122: *Within the rite of election the bishop celebrant or his delegate declares in the presence of the community the Church's approval of the candidates ... there should be a deliberation prior to its celebration to decide on the catechumens' suitability. This deliberation is carried out by the priests, deacons, and catechists involved in the formation of the catechumens, and by the godparents and representatives of the local community.*

What have we learned from the ritual text thus far? On the basis of testimony from godparents, catechists, priests, and deacons, God elects or chooses the catechumens for the sacraments of initiation.

Before our catechumens can be considered for election, we must have our homework done at the parish level. We need to ascertain that the elements in paragraph 75.1-75.4 have been achieved.

At the Rite of Election, Bishop Cistone will ask us:

Have they faithfully listened to God's word proclaimed by the Church?

Have they responded to that word and begun to walk in God's presence?

Have they shared the company of their Christian brothers and sisters and joined them in prayer?

We should be able to honestly stand before the bishop and answer the questions with an emphatic and vigorous "YES!" If we aren't able to do so, maybe these catechumens aren't ready for election. We put our words, life, and character on the line when we respond to the bishop's questions. It isn't anything we do, say, or take lightly.

Optional Parish Rite:

Sending of the Catechumens for Election

The optional parish rite of Sending of the Catechumens for Election is a companion rite that goes hand-in-hand with the Rite of Election. Key to this rite is the fact that the community judges them fit and ready to be brought to the Cathedral for election.

107: *At the focal point of the Church's concern for the catechumens, admission to election belongs to the bishop who is usually its presiding celebrant. It is within the parish community, however, that the preliminary judgment is made concerning the catechumens' state of conversion. This rite offers that local community the opportunity to express its approval of the catechumens and to send them forth to the celebration of election assured of the parish's care and support.*

We find in this optional parish rite that the affirmation (testimony) given by the godparents is crucial. It is the responsibility or charge of the godparents [and assembly] to inquire about the catechumens' readiness before they are presented to the bishop.

On the following page, you will find an adaptation of this rite that you may consider for use in your parish. It contains the same elements that the ritual text offers while at the same time expanding the role of the godparent affording an opportunity to give honest, in depth testimony [affirmation] on the catechumens' behalf. Our adaptation was created given the fact that throughout the ritual text, the rubrics say "*in these or similar words.*"

For parishes who do not have catechumens but do have candidates (those already baptized,) there is a rite of sending found in Part II beginning at paragraph 434. There is also a combined rite for both catechumens and candidates beginning at paragraph 530 in Appendix I.

Working with Godparents:

Soliciting Testimony

Working with your godparents to solicit testimony of catechumens or candidates is no easy task. The end result and what you want them to affirm is what God is responsible for in this person's life. How does the godparent see God working in the life of their catechumen or candidate? Bottom line: What is God doing?

Here is a small process that you might want to use in your parish.

Four weeks before the Rite of Sending: meet with the godparents alone. Explain what the Rite of Election is: it is an action of God; it is the Church, in the name of God, calling the catechumen or candidate to the initiation sacraments and all that that means in terms of covenant. Explain also what it is not! It is not about the catechumen or the candidate and their accomplishments. It is only about what God is doing in his/her life. Give the godparent some homework. Tell them within the next two weeks, they are to meet with their catechumen or candidate for coffee, dinner, etc, and explore and discuss about the times they experienced God working in their individual lives. This is a dialogue; both the catechumen (or candidate) and the godparent enter into this conversation. The godparent shares about his/her experience of God as well. Give them a question to foster the dialogue (how has God chosen me in my weakness and raised me to a new life of service and love?).

Two weeks before the Rite of Sending: meet with the godparents alone, again. Have them write a short paragraph about how they see God acting in the life of their catechumen or candidate. Have them share this with you. If the paragraph doesn't center around God and looks more like an award presentation, have them rework the paragraph. When all of the godparents have their final revisions, let them share it aloud in the group (practice saying it.) What is said tonight is confidential and stays within the room. The only time it should be heard aloud is in front of the community at the Rite of Sending.

Sending of the Catechumens for Election

(Adapted rite for your parish use)

Presentation of the Catechumens

Catechist: Father _____, as this community has walked together in faith, we have deepened our understanding of what it means to belong to God's people. Through catechesis, prayer, and doing the works of charity, we have opened our hearts, our minds, and our hands to God's grace. Today we reach the turning point. Now is the time of witness and decision. Now is the time to name God's work in our midst so that we may immerse ourselves in the grace and the challenge of Lent. Our catechumens come before us today, to submit their names for election to the Easter Sacraments.

The presider addresses the Catechumens:

Presider: Those who ask to be enrolled, please stand with your godparent as your name is called.

Cantor:

_____, with his/her godparent _____

_____, with his/her godparent _____

_____, with his/her godparent _____

Affirmation by Godparents [and assembly]

The presider addresses each godparent in turn:

Presider:

_____, tell us of God's work in the life of _____.

If necessary, the presider reframes what the companion has said.

The presider concludes each testimony by saying to all present:

Presider: Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord!

Sung acclamation

This pattern is repeated for each catechumen.

... And the assembly

After this has been done for each catechumen, the presider speaks to the assembly:

Presider: I invite *all* of you to speak. Tell us of God's work in the lives of these people.

The presider guides this piece, so that each testimony follows the one before.

After all have spoken, the presider concludes all the testimony:

Presider: All you servants of the Lord, bless the Lord!

Sung acclamation after everyone in the assembly who will speak has spoken.

Intercessions

Presider:

_____, _____, _____,
come forward with your companions, so that we may pray for you.

They step forward in front of the community.

Companions place both hands on their shoulders.

[The following intercessions are suggested as a guide to assist you in crafting your own for parish use]

Cantor:

That these, our friends, may find joy in daily prayer, we pray.

That they may read your word joyfully and dwell on it in their hearts, we pray.

That they may humbly acknowledge their faults and work wholeheartedly to correct them, we pray.

That they may dedicate their daily work as a pleasing offering to you, we pray.

That they may abstain with courage from everything that defiles the heart, we pray.

That they may grow to love and seek virtue and holiness of life, we pray.

That they may renounce self, and put others first, we pray.

That you will protect and bless their families, we pray.

That they may share with others the joy they have found in their faith, we pray.

Presider extends hands and invites assembly to do the same, and says:

Presider:

God of love and power, it is your will to establish everything in Christ and to draw us into his all-embracing love. Guide _____, _____, _____, strengthen them in their vocation, build them into the kingdom of your Son, and seal them with the Spirit of your promise. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Dismissal of Catechumens

ATTACHMENT I: INSTRUCTIONS

**Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.
at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Midland
and
Sunday, March 5, 2017, at 2:30 p.m.
at Blessed Trinity Parish, Frankenmuth**

***PLEASE REVIEW THESE INSTRUCTIONS WITH YOUR GROUP
PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE RITE OF ELECTION***

No gum – (please don't even bring it into the Church)

Please review Catechumen vs. Candidate with your group.

CALLING OF CATECHUMENS:

- After Homily – when music begins –those calling the names will form a line along the wall on the right hand side of the church
- **Deacon** will do an introduction
- **Deacon** will say “Will the Catechumens among us, those to be elected for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, please stand with your godparents as your name is called.”
- **Representatives** from each parish will call the names:
 - No need to shout or rush.
 - (Parish Name) presents (name of catechumen)
- **Catechumens and their godparents** remain standing until all names are called.
- **Representatives** will return to your seat after calling names.
- **Bishop Cistone** will say “Then offer your names for enrollment.”
- **Catechumens come forward with their godparents** to sign the Books of the Elect. They return to their seats after signing.
(There is no particular order for coming forward.)
- **Bishop Cistone** and **Deacon** will process the Books of the Elect.
- After **Bishop Cistone** has placed the Books of the Elect and is returning to his seat, **Representatives** will move to form a line again. Don't rush and don't interfere with Bishop's path to his seat.

CALLING OF THE CANDIDATES:

- **Deacon** will do an introduction (and return to your seat after calling names - same as above).
- **Candidates** stand and remain standing as all names are called.

NB: Before the Intercessions the Deacon will call the ELECT (the Catechumens who have been “elected” by the Bishop for the Easter Sacraments) and the CANDIDATES (those to be “Received Into Full-Communion in the Catholic Church) to come to the center. This will conclude the Rite, so please have them bring their worship aids with them.

Enclosures in this entire packet of information on the *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion*:

- ❖ Memorandum
- ❖ Schedule for Participation
- ❖ Form for list of All Catechumens
- ❖ Form for list of All Candidates
- ❖ Seating Reservation Form
- ❖ Informational Bulletin
- ❖ Attachment I: Instructions
- ❖ Baptisms recognized by the Catholic Church

The Diocesan RCIA Steering Committee is available to assist you and answer any questions you might have regarding the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. Should you have any questions, please call Father Bessert or one of the RCIA Steering Committee members listed below:

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Diocese of Saginaw
989.797.6608

Sheila Bugbee
St. Agnes Parish
989.695.5652

Anne Marie Graham
St. Brigid of Kildare Parish
989.835.7121

Dr. Jerry Green
St. Vincent dePaul Parish
989.828.5720

If you have questions regarding the scheduling of your Parish at the Rite of Election or need special seating for handicap accessibility, please call Susan Meyers in the Office of Liturgy at 989.797.6665.

Please note the listing of the valid and non-valid baptisms on page 20.

VALID and NON VALID BAPTISMS

VALID BAPTISM (AND CONFIRMATION)

Adventist
African Methodist Episcopal
Alexandrian: Coptic and Ethiopian
Amish/Mennonite
Anglican
Antiochian: Chaldean, Malabarese, Malankarese,
Maronite, Syro-Antiochian
Armenian Apostolic
Assembly of God
Baptist
Byzantine: Albanian, Belarusan, Bulgarian, Croatian,
Czech, Greek, Greek-Melkite, Hungarian,
Italo-Greek, Romanian, Russian, Ruthenian,
Slovak, Ukrainian
Chinese Catholic
Christian and Missionary: May be valid
Church of God
Church of the Brethren
Church of the Nazarene
Community of Pope Pius X (Lefebvre):
Baptism/Confirmation recognized
Congregational Church
Disciples of Christ
Eastern Non-Catholics (Orthodox):
Baptism/Confirmation recognized
Eastern Rite Catholics: Baptism/Confirmation
recognized
Episcopal
Evangelical Church of Covenant
Evangelical Churches
Latin: Roman Catholic
Liberal Catholic Church
Lutheran
Methodist
Old Catholic Church
Old Roman Catholic Church: Baptism/Confirmation
recognized
Old Roman Church
Orthodox (see Eastern above): Baptism/Confirmation
recognized
Polish National Church (Eastern Church):
Baptism/Confirmation recognized
Presbyterian
Reformed Church
United Church of Christ

NON VALID BAPTISMS

Apostolic Church
Bohemian Free Thinkers
Christadelphians
Christian Scientist
Church of Divine Science
Church of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon)
Church of the New Jerusalem
Jehovah's Witnesses
Masons
Pentecostal Churches
People's Church of Chicago
Quakers (Friends)
Salvation Army
Unitarians/Universalists

DOUBTFUL BAPTISMS

Moravian
Seventh Day Adventist