

COMMUNIQUÉ No. 118 – JANUARY 30, 2025
Invitation – Rite of election on Sunday, March 9, 2025

**To Members of Parish Teams,
To our Clergy, PCLs, and LPAs,
To the faithful active in their communities,
To Members of Religious Communities,
To Archdiocesan Staff,**

Invitation to Participate in the Rite of Election – March 9, 2025

Dear Pastors, Deacons, Pastoral Agents, Catechists, and Catechumenate Leaders,

As Lent approaches, we prepare for one of the most important moments in the journey of faith: the Rite of Election and Enrollment of Names. This ceremony marks a significant step for those preparing to fully join the Catholic faith.

Archbishop Christian Lépine will celebrate the Rite of Election on **Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 2:30 PM at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral** (entrance via René Lévesque Blvd. West, corner of Rue de la Cathédrale). This year, in the context of our Jubilee Year 2025, the Rite takes on added significance, inviting us all to a time of spiritual renewal and deepened hope. This will be a Liturgy of the Word (no Eucharist).

If you have catechumens who are ready to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil, please register them through our online form: <https://forms.office.com/r/VMuyNbtvyu>.

It is essential to register all participants so that:

- They can be formally called during the celebration
- We can prepare the proper documentation and the celebration can be better organized
- Purple scarves can be provided for the catechumens

As you prepare, please keep in mind:

- This is a time for thoughtful spiritual reflection
- [Support materials](#) are available
- Each candidate's journey is unique and deserves individual consideration

In addition, **the celebration of the calling of adult confirmands and entry into full communion** will take place on **Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral, and will be presided over by Archbishop Lépine.

The Jubilee Year calls us to renew our commitment to evangelization and to support those entering the Church with renewed hope and vigor. By participating in the Rite of Election, we not only affirm the commitment of our catechumens but also reaffirm our own dedication to living God's Word.

Let us unite in prayer for these candidates as they approach this important milestone in their faith journey. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them as they prepare for full initiation into the Church at Easter.

For further assistance, please contact us at evc@diocesemontreal.org.

With gratitude for your faithful service,

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