



*DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA*

*OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR*

**Date:** January 14, 2020  
**To:** All Pastors/Administrators  
**From:** Dr. Volodymyr Smeryk, Chancellor  
**Re:** Rite of Sending and Rite of Election

As the Season of Lent quickly approaches, two important RCIA events are coming up for those who are preparing the final steps to enter the Catholic Church this Easter, either through Baptism or into full communion.

<b>March 1, 2020 – First Sunday of Lent</b>	
Rite of Sending	Celebrated at the local Parish.
Rite of Election	Celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane at Epiphany Cathedral for the entire Diocese.

You will find the following documents on the Diocesan website:

<https://dioceseofvenice.org/parish-connect/all-diocesan-policies-and-forms/>

- Rite of Sending Information Sheet
- Rite of Election Information Sheet
- Rite of Election List of Catechumens Form
- Rite of Election Seating Reservation Form
- Rite of Election Catechumen Parchment Form

Please pass on this important information to the individual at your Parish who oversees the RCIA program. Also note that the deadline for returning form to participate in the Rite of Election is February 14, 2020.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Religious Education at 941-484-9543.