



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

Office of Religious Education

Rite of Sending – March 1, 2020, Local Parish

The Rite of Sending should be celebrated at each Parish before the Rite of Election on the First Sunday of Lent. Preferably it will be celebrated on that Sunday or nearest possible date prior to the Rite of Election. A few details about this particular Rite:

- Have the Catechumens (unbaptized) sign their names on the enclosed Rite of Election Catechumen Parchment during the Rite of Signing, celebrated in your own Parish. Candidates (those already baptized) do not sign.
- The Rite of Election Catechumen Parchment **MUST BE SIGNED** during the Rite of Sending by both catechumens and the pastor. The parchment must be brought to the Cathedral. **DO NOT MAIL** it.
- Refer to the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, paragraph 530 and following, “Parish Celebration for Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop.”