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.”