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Dear Monsignor, Rev. Father, Rev. Deacon & RCIA Coordinator

RE: RITE OF ELECTION

Grace and Peace to you.

The Rite of Election will be celebrated by the Archdiocese of Johannesburg on the ***First Sunday of Lent, 01 March 2020 at 2 pm at the Cathedral of Christ the King.***

It is Archbishop Buti Tlhagale OMI desire that every parish within the Archdiocese send their Catechumens (those who are NOT baptized) and Candidates (those who are baptized but NOT Confirmed) to this celebration.

**Please place an emphasis on explaining/educating your RCIA class on the differences between Catechumens and Candidates.**

This Rite is no mere formality; it is here that the Catechumens and Candidates will freely and publicly respond to God's call in their lives (RCIA, 120). This Rite marks the turning point from formation to immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments at Easter.

We most kindly ask that you assist us by completing the attached form and return it to the Liturgy Office as soon as possible upon receiving this letter. ***It is essential that we are provided with the exact numbers of Catechumens, Candidates, Sponsors and one coordinator only attending in order to ensure seating arrangements.*** Seating will be assigned on a "first come" basis as per your RSVP. This form must be returned by the latest **28 October 2019**.

Each Catechumen or Candidate needs to be accompanied by their SPONSORS. The sponsor serves as the person that journeys with the Catechumen or Candidate through his/her faith journey.

For any further queries feel free to contact the Archdiocese Office for Divine Worship and Liturgy.

Yours in Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate

Fr. Benedict Mahlangu OMI  
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