DATE: January 17, 2022

To: Clergy, Directors of Parish Life and RCIA leaders

FROM: Beth Hicks, Director, Office of Worship

RE: Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion – March 6, 2022 - 3:30 p.m.

On Sunday, March 6, 2022, the Diocese of Gaylord will celebrate the **combined Rite of Election** and Call to Continuing Conversion.

The liturgy will begin at 3:30 p.m. Please invite all your catechumens, candidates and their guests to arrive by 3:15 p.m.

This year there will not be a reception before (or after) the Rite as we have done in previous years. If your participants arrive early, they are welcome to visit in the parish hall or to spend the time in quiet prayer in the church. Everyone should be in their seats by 3:25 p.m.

Names tags for the catechumens and candidates will be available upon their arrival at the welcome tables in the gathering space of the Cathedral. Parish seating charts will also be available. Greeters and ushers will assist people to find there way around.

Please read through the accompanying materials and return the Information Sheet as soon as possible, but no later than <u>February 14.</u>

Please remember to bring your Book of the Elect that the catechumens have already signed during the parish Rite of Sending.

Please read through the attachment regarding the presentation of the catechumens and candidates. I do not plan to give instructions on March 6, but please do contact me prior to that date if you have questions or find me if you arrive early and would like to walk through it in Church.

There will be the opportunity for each parish group to have a photo taken with Bishop Walsh following the liturgy. It is up to you if want a photo. The order for photos will be longest to shortest travel distance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email at bhicks@dioceseofgaylord.org or phone 989-705-3519 (office) or 989-619-8553 (work cell) if you have questions.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and inspire you in your ministry with our brothers and sisters in their journey of faith.