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INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE CHANT

SIGN OF THE CROSS

Archbishop:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

Archbishop:

Peace be with you

R And with your Spirit

Introduction by Archbishop Wenski

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COLLECT

Archbishop:
Let us pray:

O God, who though you are ever the cause
of the salvation of the human race
now gladden your people with grace in still greater measure,
look mercifully, we pray, upon your chosen ones,
that your compassionate and protecting help
may defend both those yet to be born anew
and those already reborn.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading
Gospel

HOMILY

**When homily is finished, RCIA team members who are calling names should begin to get in line.

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PRESENTATION OF CATECHUMENS

RCIA Director:

Most Reverend Father, As Easter draws near I now present to you these catechumens who are completing their period of preparation. // Ellos han encontrado fuerza en la gracia divina y ayuda en las oraciones y el ejemplo de la comunidad. // They now ask that after the celebration of the scrutinies, they be allowed to participate in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

Parish Representatives please come forward to present your catechumens to the Archbishop.

Catechumens, you who are chosen in Christ, as your name is called please stand. // Catecumenos, ustedes son escogidos en Cristo. Al escuchar su nombre, pónganse de pie. // Tanprì, levè kanpe lè nou tande yo rele non nou.

The catechumens are presented by name to the Archbishop. Each stands as their name is called.

Refrain:

You are chosen. You are blest.
You are a sign of God's love.

After all the names are read :

RCIA Director: Archbishop these are the names of those who wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.

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AFFIRMATION BY THE GODPARENTS AND THE ASSEMBLY

RCIA Director: I now ask everyone to please stand (Archbishop will address godparents, the assembly and the catechumens.) Godparents, please place your hand on the shoulder of your catechumen. // Todos de pie. Pedimos a los padrinos de los catecumenos que coloquen su mano en el hombre de su catecumeno. // Map mande pou parenn ak marenn kandida yo kanpe epi mete men nou sou zepòl fiyèl nou yo.

Archbishop:

God's holy Church wishes to know whether these candidates are sufficiently prepared to be enrolled among the elect for the coming celebration of Easter.

He addresses the godparents:

Have they faithfully listened to God's word proclaimed by the Church?

Godparents:

℟ They have.

Archbishop:

Have they responded to that word and begun to walk in God's presence?

Godparents:

℟ They have.

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Archbishop:

Have they shared the company of their Christian brothers and sisters and joined with them in prayer?

Godparents:

R They have.

Archbishop:

And now I speak to you, my brothers and sisters in this assembly:

Are you ready to support the testimony expressed about these catechumens and include them in your prayer and affection as we move toward Easter?

All:

R We are.

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INVITATION AND ENROLLMENT OF NAMES

Archbishop:

And now, my dear catechumens, I address you. Your own godparents and teachers [and this entire community] have spoken in your favor. The Church in the name of Christ accepts their judgment and calls you to the Easter sacraments.

Since you have already heard the call of Christ, you must now express your response to that call clearly and in the presence of the whole Church.

Therefore, do you wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and the eucharist?

Catechumens:

℟ We do.

The catechumens come forward and sign the Books of the Elect. At the conclusion the deacons process with the Books into the sanctuary and place them on the altar. Meanwhile the Archbishop goes to the altar, signs the Book(s) of the Elect and then incenses the altar and Books.

The Archbishop returns to his seat (after processing the Book of the Elect).