

Diocesan Rite of Election Celebration

The Rite of Election, the diocesan celebration from the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, took place on the First Sunday of Lent, March 13th at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral. This rite closes the period of the Catechumenate and marks the beginning of the final, intense period of preparation for those adults preparing for initiation at the Easter Vigil. The Church judges these catechumens to be ready to receive the sacraments of initiation at her next major celebration, based on the testimony of their godparents and catechists, and the reaffirmation of the catechumens, "This step is called election because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts." (RCIA #106) Catechumens are now referred to as the Elect.

Those celebrating the rite this



year were Morla Guimond (Our Lady of Hope Pastoral Unit, Immaculate Conception), Christy Gauvin (Unité pastorale Saint-Benoit, St.-François-de-Sales), Sarah Dee (Queen of All Saints Pastoral Unit, St. Augustine's) and Christopher Borden (Unité pastorale Marie Reine de l'Acadie, St-Anselme).