

Celebrant: And now, my dear friends, I address you. Your own sponsors have spoken in your favor. The Church, in the name of Christ, accepts their testimony and sends you to the Calling to Continuing Conversion, where Bishop Dewane will exhort you to live in deeper conformity to the life of Christ.

Please wait in front until the Deacon or Priest tells you to return to your pew.

The Rite of Sending has Concluded

'Rite of Sending' Participation Guide

February 22, 2026 at the 8 AM Mass

Presentation of the Catechumens

Deacon: Reverend Father, the Catechumens

Michelle Krumm-Tutko, John Strouth Jr., and Allan Teschner are beginning their final period of preparation and purification, leading to their initiation.

They have found strength in God's grace, and support in our community's prayers and example. Now they ask that they be recognized for the progress they have made in their spiritual formation and that they receive the assurance of our blessings and prayers as they go forth to the Rite of Election celebrated this afternoon by Bishop Dewane.

Celebrant: *[Addressing the Catechumen]*

The Catechumens **Michelle Krumm-Tutko, John Strouth Jr., and Allan Teschner** who are to be sent to the celebration of election in Christ come forward, together with your Godparents.

Affirmation by the Godparents

Celebrant: My dear friends, these catechumens who have been preparing for the sacraments of initiation, hope that they will be found ready to participate in the Rite of Election, and be chosen in Christ for the Easter Sacraments.

It is the responsibility of this community to inquire about their readiness before they are presented to the Bishop.

[Addressing the Godparents]

Celebrant: I now turn to you Godparents, for your testimony about these candidates. Have these catechumens taken their formation in the Gospel and in the Catholic way of life seriously?

Godparents: *Respond* "They have."

Celebrant: Have they given evidence of their conversion by the example of their lives?

Godparents: *Respond* “They have.”

Celebrant: Do you judge them to be ready to be presented to the bishop for the Rite of Election?

Godparent: *Respond* “We do.”

Celebrant: My dear catechumens, this community gladly recommends you to the bishop, who in the name of Christ, will call you to the Paschal Sacraments. May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment.

We now invite you to come forward to sign the Parchment that will be placed in the Diocesan Book of the Elect during this afternoon’s ceremony at Our Lady of Light Parish.

[The catechumens come forward to sign the Parchment of Elect.]

Note: Pastor also signs the ‘Pastor’ line at the bottom

[After signing the Parchment of the Elect, the Catechumens return to her place standing before the altar]

Presentation of the Candidates

Deacon: Reverend Father, I now present to you the candidates who are beginning their final preparation for reception into full communion of the Catholic Church. They have found strength in God’s grace and support in our community’s prayers and example.

Now they ask that they be recognized for the progress they have made in their spiritual formation and that the candidates for reception into full communion of the Catholic Church receive the assurance of our blessings and prayers as they go forth for recognition by Bishop Dewane this afternoon.

Celebrant: Those who are to be recognized, come forward, together with your sponsors.

Deacon: Allen Howard, Ashley Walters, Georgena Stahl, Elaine St. Pierre, Alison Hooper, Lydia Gonzalez, David Mattson.

Affirmation by the Sponsors

Celebrant: My dear friends, these candidates, already one with us by reason of their Baptism in Christ, have asked to be able to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. Those who know them have judged them to be sincere in their desire.

During the period of their catechetical formation they have listened to the word of Christ and endeavored to follow His commandments more perfectly; they have shared the company of their Christian brothers and sisters in this community, and joined with them in prayer.

And so I announce to all of you here that our community support these candidates in their desire. Therefore, I ask their sponsors to state their opinion once again so that all of you may hear.

(Addresses sponsors)

As God is your witness, do you consider these candidates ready to begin their final preparation to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church?

Sponsors: *Respond* “We do.”