

Dear Pastor/RCIA Coordinator,

**PLEASE NOTE: The time for the Rite of Election on February 10, 2008 at St. Amelia's is 2 PM!**

[This is due to a change in the evening Mass at St. Amelia's. A reminder: The parking lot will be full from Noon Mass until 12:45 PM. Please have your people adjust accordingly with their traveling plans.]

### **KINDLY ALSO NOTE**

This Rite of Election Packet is found on the RCIA web site:  
[www.buffalodiocese.org/rcia/forms](http://www.buffalodiocese.org/rcia/forms)

The registration form for the names may be downloaded and mailed to the Office, faxed to 847-5593 or emailed to [mlucas@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:mlucas@buffalodiocese.org) before February 1, 2008. Please ~ only use the form provided.

Clergy - A "Faculty to Confirm Form" will be sent from the Chancery the first week in Lent 2008 for priests to fill out and send to the Bishop requesting the faculty to confirm candidates at the Easter Vigil.

For new/inquiring clergy and coordinators - please call the Office if you have a question concerning the information found within the packet

**Who celebrates the Rite?** Rule of thumb - If individuals have made their First Eucharist, they belong in a Confirmation Program. Confirmation candidates do not celebrate the rites that are appropriate for the Catechumenate.

Please note a change: The diocese will be offering this year for elect/candidates, an Overnight Retreat beginning on Friday, March 14, 2008 through Saturday, March 15, 2008 at the St. Columban Center, Derby, New York. Information in enclosed packet.

Pastors/Catechumenate Coordinators - Kindly share the appropriate information in this packet with the Coordinator for Children's Initiation.