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At Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Cardinal Maida and Auxiliary Bishops to Preside at Rite of Election Services

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, and Detroit's four auxiliary bishops will preside at five separate Rite of Election Services to be held Saturday, February 24, through Monday, February 26, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

During these services, 1,340 adults will begin the last step of preparation for their conversion and welcome into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

At the cathedral, 548 adults will be called to full initiation by receiving Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist; 487 will be called into full communion from another Christian tradition; and 305 will be called to complete their initiation by receiving Confirmation and Eucharist.

The schedule is as follows:

Bishop Daniel Flores will preside at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 24

Bishop Earl Boyea will preside at 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 24

Cardinal Adam Maida will preside at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 25

Bishop John Quinn will preside at 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 25

Bishop Francis Reiss will preside at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 26

Catholics believe that conversion to Jesus Christ is a lifelong and ongoing process. More than 200 parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit work with catechumens and candidates throughout the year.

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***Note: Reporters, photographers and videographers are invited to cover these Rite of Election Services. We ask that you not interfere with the services and that you abide by any instructions you may receive from the staff at the cathedral.