

RCIA Support During the Quarantine

While gathered sessions and the celebration of rites is currently suspended in our diocese, we continue to walk with the Elect on their journey to the sacraments. Now is the perfect opportunity for sponsors to reach out in spiritual support and to share with the Elect the many faith tools we have beyond the celebration of the Mass. This support can be made through phone calls, texts, emails and virtual meetings ([Google Hangouts](#), [Zoom](#) and others are free to use). Items to share would be Stations of the Cross for personal prayer, websites that link them to daily and Sunday readings along with commentary and questions for reflection, the Loyola Press [3 Minute Retreat](#) video, or other favorite prayer tools of the sponsor.

Keep in mind that the Elect are not always "registered" in the parish and are not necessarily receiving the same information from the parish or diocese that is being sent to other Catholics, so include them in updates. Primarily, assure them that although celebrations may be delayed, they will occur and will be a joyful time for the whole community as we gather again as the Body of Christ.

Links for Stations of the Cross:

[Busted Halo online Stations of the Cross - video](#)
[Catholic.org online Stations of the Cross – video](#)
[Print versions of the Stations \(English and Spanish\) from Creighton](#)

Resources for reading and reflecting on the Scriptures

[Bishop Robert Barron Daily Homilies](#)

[Magnificat](#) – offering free online subscriptions of daily readings; English and Spanish

[Magnifikid](#) – same as above but for children. Colorful and engaging.

[Living with Christ](#) - for use with younger Elect

If **Sponsors** would like additional ideas, they can access a toolkit found here:

[English PDF](#)

[Spanish PDF](#)

RCIA Leaders

Consider the following websites for keeping in touch with ways to adapt your program and to be aware of the latest diocesan policies for formation and liturgical celebrations during this pandemic.

<https://richmonddiocese.org/coronavirus/>

www.teamrcia.org