**13. Rite of election – Participant**

**Isaia 43,1-12**

But now, this is what the Lord says—  
    he who created you, Jacob,  
    he who formed you, Israel:  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
    I have summoned you by name; you are mine.  
**2**When you pass through the waters,  
    I will be with you;  
and when you pass through the rivers,  
    they will not sweep over you.  
When you walk through the fire,  
    you will not be burned;  
    the flames will not set you ablaze.  
**3**For I am the Lord your God,  
    the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;  
I give Egypt for your ransom,  
    Cush[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2043&version=NIV#fen-NIV-18509a)] and Seba in your stead.  
**4**Since you are precious and honored in my sight,  
    and because I love you,  
I will give people in exchange for you,  
    nations in exchange for your life.  
**5**Do not be afraid, for I am with you;  
    I will bring your children from the east  
    and gather you from the west.  
**6**I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’  
    and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’

Bring my sons from afar  
    and my daughters from the ends of the earth—

**7**everyone who is called by my name,  
    whom I created for my glory,  
    whom I formed and made.”

**8**Lead out those who have eyes but are blind,  
    who have ears but are deaf.  
**9**All the nations gather together  
    and the peoples assemble.  
Which of their gods foretold this  
    and proclaimed to us the former things?  
Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right,  
    so that others may hear and say, “It is true.”  
**10**“You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord,  
    “and my servant whom I have chosen,  
so that you may know and believe me  
    and understand that I am he.  
Before me no god was formed,  
    nor will there be one after me.  
**11**I, even I, am the Lord,  
    and apart from me there is no savior.  
**12**I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—  
    I, and not some foreign god among you.  
You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “that I am God.

1. Begin with prayer. Psalm

2.Invite all participants to use the drawing paper and crayons or markers to write the letters of their name vertically. Then ask them to create a name acrostic by using each letter of their name to write a word or short phrase that tells something about them. For example, “M” could stand for “musical.” “A” could stand for “amazing.” Invite each person to speak his or her name aloud, and to share his or her name acrostic.

M=

A=

R

I

A

1. Why do you want to be baptized and confirmed?
2. How has being a part of the RCIA process changed your life?

**Conclude by explaining the following.**

• God calls us first. God has been waiting for us to come to him. • In the Rite of Election, we answer God’s call. We say “yes” to coming to him in the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist

• We commit to preparing for the celebration of the Sacraments and to becoming a Catholic by signing our name in the Book of the Elect. When we sign our name, we enter into a covenant, or sacred promise, with God and the Church.