January 24, 2022

Dear pastors,

It is with great regret that we have made the decision not to gather for diocesan celebrations of the Rite of Election in 2022. Given the current situation with the pandemic, it is the most prudent decision. The celebrations of the Rite of Election are a highlight for me. How wonderful to gather with people who have been led by the Holy Spirit to that moment when they are ready to begin the last intense preparations for their initiation. It is inspiring to bear witness to the movement of God in their lives. We will all miss it this year.

Pursuant to RCIA nos. 12 and 121, I delegate permission to all pastors or parish administrators to preside in my place at the Rite of Election to be held within their individual parishes. This delegation to pastors and parish administrators is only for 2022.

I have asked the Office of Worship to prepare materials that will be used for the celebration of Rite of Election in the parishes.

With prayers for you and for all catechumens and candidates as they continue their journey toward the Easter sacraments.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend William F. Medley
Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro