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MEMORANDUM

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TO: *All Parishes, Priests, and Deacons*
FM: *Reverend Keith A. Mathur, Director* *(KAM)*
RE: *2018 Scrutinies*
CC: *Reverend Monsignor David L. James, V.G.*
Ms. Mary Ellen Ingeno

The Scrutinies for the R.C.I.A. have been attached in PDF and Word Format as a resource for all those preparing the Elect for the Easter Sacraments. They have been prepared this year in English and Spanish. Please forward these to your Director/Coordinator of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The Scrutinies for the 2018 Liturgical Year take place on 4 March, 11 March, and 18 March. As a general reminder, the Scrutinies are intended for only the unbaptized Elect and not for the baptized Candidates.

For Masses that contain the Scrutinies, the readings are taken from Cycle A, the Prayers are taken from *Ritual Masses: The Scrutinies*, and the Preface is taken from the Proper Third, Fourth, or Fifth Sunday of Lent.

For those already baptized, but previously uncatechized adults who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, the Penitential Rite may be celebrated for them on the Second Sunday of Lent or on a Lenten weekday. This Rite can be found in the ritual book *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* #459ff.

If you have any questions regarding the Scrutinies, please do not hesitate to contact the Office for Divine Worship.

Enclosure