

On this day, the first Sunday in Lent, in cathedral churches all over the world, the faithful gather with their bishops to welcome and enroll those who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter.

Saturday 10th Feb. in the Diocese of Limerick, we enrolled:

Simone Long,  
Michael Amponsah,  
Eunie Elizabeth Mangidi Mawete,  
Nicola Susan Hanafin,  
Liane Maria Gerlach-Bednarski,  
her daughter Darleen,  
and Leigh Fraser Tweddle

who are preparing for Baptism, and:

Karolina Kowalska,  
Yves Ferrero, and,  
Sewanu Des Manu

who are preparing to become a full members of the Church by celebrating Confirmation and Eucharist.

We welcomed them, their godparents and sponsors, and all who accompanied them from the parishes of St Munchins, Christ the King Caherdavin, Raheen-Mungret-Crecora, Askeaton, Bruff and from the Limerick Institute of Technology.

All of us, who joined with them in St John's Cathedral, were reminded that our Lenten journey will lead to a deeper conversion of our hearts and lives to Christ, and will make us ready to renew our baptismal vows at Easter.



Happy the People Whom  
God Has Chosen As His  
Heritage  
Psalm 33:12





As a diocese and as your brothers and sisters in Christ, we congratulate you on this special day. Your choice is a blessing for us all

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### **RCIA Lenten Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have said: 'I am the way, the truth and the life'.  
Help us who believe this to follow you faithfully.  
Help those who search for you to find you,  
that they may come to believe and follow.

During this Lenten season of grace,  
purify our hearts,  
remove our sinfulness and shame;  
Renew us in your love.

Send us faithful companions on our journey of faith,  
that we may not wander alone in the desert,  
that we may see your glory and be transformed;  
that we may be raised from death to life.

May all who thirst find in you living water.  
May all who wish to see you be healed of their blindness.  
May we come to celebrate your resurrection this Easter  
With hearts full of joy,  
Transformed,  
Inspired,  
Sent to proclaim the Good News

– freedom, light, and God's unwavering love for us.

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