



# CHICAGO



# CONGRESS

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTION WEEK 1

Key Insights: Repent, Believe, Proclaim

We invite you to delve into the Sunday Word for four weeks, in preparation for our **Chicago Faith Congress** (CFC) - February 10, 2018. Register for the **Chicago Faith Congress** today. Invite others to share the journey with you!

By engaging in these weekly reflections, you will begin the spiritual preparation process to reignite your lifelong faith formation journey at the Chicago Faith Congress. We will LIFT, FORM, and EMPOWER all who are answering the call as catechists towards revitalizing our parish ministries. Together we will lead, form, and accompany God's people through a lifelong formation journey as disciples of Christ and His Church.

### **SUNDAY WORD**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

**Lectionary: 68**

*Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:  
"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand."  
Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

**Mark 1:14-15**

# A Moment of Silent Reflection

## Reflection Questions

As we enter into these four weeks before our first Chicago Faith Congress to begin, let us ponder and take to heart the Word in relationship to our ministry.

- How am I proclaiming the gospel in my ministry as a lifelong formation ministry leader?" Does my leadership foster the *Renew My Church* initiative? In what ways does my leadership inspire conversion?
- Where do I find hope in the kingdom of God? Am I a beacon of hope by the ways I bring Jesus to others?
- During this week, recall that Jesus begins Mark's gospel with a call to repentance and conversion, i.e. embracing a new way of life. How may that conversion motivate you to Reignite the Journey of lifelong faith formation at your parish?

## Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

St. Francis of Assisi