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CONGRESS

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION WEEK 3

Key Insights: Purpose in Ministry, Mission, Go Forth

Have you invited others to our **Chicago Faith Congress**? Now is the time to register and invite others to share the journey with you!

Watch for our last Spiritual Reflection and Prayer email next week. Progress is being made internally by reflection on the Sunday lectionary. May the Holy Spirit enlighten us as we prepare to reignite our lifelong faith formation journey at the Chicago Faith Congress. We are a faith community committed to *Renew My Church* throughout the archdiocese.

SUNDAY WORD

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

Lectionary: 74

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

Mark 1:38

A Moment of Silent Reflection

Reflection Questions

As ministry disciples, we follow Jesus to make and form other missionary disciples. Jesus leads and we follow. As leaders, we are asked to catechize and evangelize as we too go from person to person, and place to place bringing Jesus Christ to others. For this, you too have been sent by Jesus Christ. Rest in the peace that Jesus has gone before us. Take a few moments for reflection.

- How do you define the purpose of your ministry? Is it rooted in Jesus Christ and the proclamation of the gospel?
- Jesus did not remain in his comfort zone. How are you at moving out of your comfort zone of routine and ease to bring Jesus to others by the actions of your ministry?
- Am I ready to welcome growth and further development by the offerings of the Chicago Faith Congress and *Renew My Church*? Am I moving forward with a missionary spirit?

Prayer

Dear Jesus, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go.

Flood our souls with your spirit and life.

Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly that our lives may only be a radiance of yours.

Shine through us and be so in us that every soul we come in contact with may feel your presence in our soul.

St. Teresa of Calcutta