



# CHICAGO



# CONGRESS

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTION WEEK 4

Key Insights: Mercy, Solace, Testimony

We have reignited our journey with the experience of the Chicago Faith Congress. Our formation continues to deepen by the sharing of the congress experience with others. Watch for post-congress event announcements.

### **SUNDAY WORD**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

**Lectionary: 77**

*The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.*

**Mark 1:45**

# A Moment of Silent Reflection

## Reflection Questions

In this gospel reading, we encounter Jesus healing a leper. Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand to bring about healing. Instead of listening to Jesus' request, "to tell no one," the man tells everyone about his miraculous healing and the one who heals him. Jesus retreats to deserted places to find rest. People seek Jesus from everywhere.

- Recall a time when you were in great need on the journey of your ministry. Did you ask Jesus for mercy and healing to help you with the situation? Who did Jesus send to minister to you? Where do you go to seek solace when feeling overwhelmed? Is your personal desert retreat a place to share with others?
- When have you experienced exuberant joy in your ministry? Recall a breathtaking moment that drove you to share your story with others? How do you help others recognize the awe of Jesus in everyday life?
- How do you testify as a witness of Jesus Christ to others? What makes your testimony believable? How do you remedy faith challenges?
- What are your greatest takeaways from the congress? How will you help others reignite their journey?

## Prayer

O blessed Jesus, give me stillness of soul in you. Let your mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me, O King of Gentleness, King of Peace.

St. John of the Cross