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Dear Pastor or Catechetical Leader,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to the first annual Chicago Faith Congress which will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the Loyola University Lakeshore Campus. The Congress will welcome our Lifelong Formation Leaders to “Reignite the Journey” with an emphasis on understanding the way each ministry within our communities works together towards creating a culture of lifelong formation.

All who are called to be catechists, priests, deacons, parents, catechetical leaders, children ministers, youth ministers, young adult ministers, adult faith formation ministers, RCIA ministers, family ministers, and PreCana facilitators are welcomed and encouraged to participate in this one-day event.

The Chicago Faith Congress will begin with keynote speakers who will outline the urgency for lifelong formation in our parishes in this time of developing missionary disciples to fulfill Cardinal Cupich’s vision of *Renew My Church*. Theme presenters who will deepen the examination of “Reignite the Journey” by discussing theological concepts, theory, studies, Church teachings, and research on lifelong formation. In the afternoon, two rounds of workshops will be offered where local parish catechetical leaders will guide participants in breaking open the morning presentations and offer best practices on how to implement or adapt the concepts to their particular ministry in local parishes. Keynotes, theme presenters, and workshops will be held in English, Spanish, and Polish.

The day will also include prayer, a Catechist Recognition Breakfast, a Catechetical Leader Networking Lunch, vendors, and time to connect with other leaders across the Archdiocese of Chicago during the break and lunch times. For more information about the speakers, sessions, and registration, please visit the Chicago Faith Congress website at <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/chicago-faith-congress>.

May God bless you and your ministry,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesus DeLeon'.

Jesus “Chuy” DeLeon
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