

## **Proclamation of the Word**

The lector is one who proclaims God's Word to the assembly. To this end, he or she must be a living Word her-or himself; one cannot proclaim what one does not live. The Word burns within the heart of the lector so that, like Paul, he or she can say "Not I, but Christ in me!"

### **Characteristics of the Spirituality of the Minister of the Word**

- Regularly and often ponders God's Word
- Listens for God's Word in prayer and through others
- Reflects on and studies the Scriptures
- Prays the Scriptures (*lectio divina*)
- Practices charity and "elegance" in speech
- Praise God often and everywhere

### **Training Offered by the Office of Liturgy**

- Proclaiming God's Word: Preparing to share the Word of God
- Spirituality of the Minister of the Word
- The Importance of Ritual Texts

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