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Greetings from JCTR in the peace and love of Christ!

Once again we are approaching the wonderful Lenten Season, the time we prepare ourselves for the great feast of the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We at the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) are very happy to send you the 2008 Lenten Homily guidelines. We hope that the Church's Social Teaching (CST) dimension of these homilies will be able to add value to other dimensions of the homilies shared during this Lenten Season. We recognise that these guidelines will be enriched by the perspectives and experiences of local pastoral leadership.

We know from experience that these JCTR homily guidelines have proved quite useful not only in Church services, but also in meetings of Small Christian Communities, youth groups, study groups and private prayers. We hope that the guidelines will really strengthen our faith, hope and love during this Lenten Season.

The main focus of the 2008 Season of Lent is on the practical themes of resisting temptations, overcoming fear, providing good leadership, keeping our eyes open and conquering death. We feel that these themes have relevance to our personal lives, to the activities of our small Christian communities and Church, and to the politics of our nation of Zambia at this time.

We are grateful to Peter Henriot, S.J., JCTR director, who prepared these homilies with the assistance of theological notes from Bernard Malia, S.J., JCTR visitor. Unfortunately, we were not able to do translations of homilies because of the very early date of Easter 2008.

Please, we will be very happy to hear back from you as well about your evaluations of these homily guidelines. Your reactions to the homilies, questions, sketches and prayers will help us to improve our future efforts to serve you! Should you need these homilies on soft-copy, e-mail us at: cstjctr@jesuits.org.zm, or infojctr@jesuits.org.zm.

We at JCTR wish you a very blessed Season of Lent and a very blessed celebration of Easter. You are in our prayers and we ask your prayers for us. May our faith really promote justice!

Thank you, and Peace of Christ!

Sincerely,

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