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Greetings from JCTR!

We are very happy to send you the 2006 Advent Homily guidelines. We trust and hope that the Catholic Social Teaching dimension of the homilies will be able to add value to other dimensions of homilies during this blessed Season of Advent. We recognize that these guidelines will be enriched by the perspectives and experiences of local pastoral leadership.

It has come to our attention over the years that these homily guidelines are useful not only in Church services, but also in meetings of Small Christian Communities, youth groups, study groups and private prayers.

During this 2006 Season of Advent, the main focus for which the JCTR is inviting Christians in Zambia to reflect on concerns that promote good governance, including the fight against corruption, promotion of reconciliation, and call for integrity in public life. While reflecting on this, let us recall the great love of God summarised in the following words, *"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life"* (John 3:16).

We are grateful to Fr. Evaristo Chungu, the Pastoral Coordinator of Lusaka Archdiocese, who prepared these Advent homily guidelines. We also thank seminarians at St. Dominic's Major Seminary who helped us with the translations.

We will be very happy to hear from you as well about your evaluations of these homily guidelines. Please take a moment to make your comments on the enclosed evaluation sheet and return in the stamped, self-addressed envelope. Your reactions to the homilies will help us to improve the future ones!

Should you need these homilies on soft-copy, e-mail us at: [jctr@jesuits.org.zm](mailto:jctr@jesuits.org.zm).

We at JCTR wish you a very blessed and joyful Season of Advent. You are in our prayers and we ask your prayers. May our faith really promote justice!

Thank you, and Peace of Christ!

Sincerely,

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