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Greetings!

We are beginning the Season of Lent, a forty-day period of intense *prayer, fasting* and *almsgiving*. As Christians, during this time of the liturgical year we are being invited to seriously reflect on our sinfulness, confess and start a new life in preparation for the great celebration of Easter.

We are pleased to send you the 2007 Lenten 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 Lent. We recognise that these guidelines will be enriched by the perspectives and experiences of local pastoral leadership. You can use these homily guidelines during your private prayers, Small Christian Community meetings, youth groups, and study groups.

The 2007 Lenten homily guidelines focus on several aspects of a person's contribution to the transformation of structures in society and consequently the nation, including resisting temptations, a call to transform society, change of personal lifestyle and an invitation not to condemn others.

We are particularly grateful to Fr. Kelvin Bwalya, the priest-in-charge of Uganda Martyrs, Luanshya, who prepared these Lenten homily guidelines. We are also indebted to the seminarians at St. Dominic's Major Seminary, Lusaka, who helped us with the translations.

Should you need these homilies on soft-copy, e-mail us at: jctr@jesuits.org.zm. Or you can access them on our website: www.jctr.org.zm.

We will be very happy to hear from you as well about your evaluations of these homily guidelines. Your comments will help us to improve the future ones. We thank you for your valuable comments on the 2006 Advent and Lenten Homilies.

We wish you a very blessed and prayerful Season of Lent.

Thank you, and Peace of Christ!

Sincerely,

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