Instructor’s Notes

As you begin to share your own TR examples in your group, here again are some tips for success that I noted in Unit 7:

- Always study and discuss in an atmosphere of prayerful discernment, attentive to how God is working in the experiences and situations and in you.
- Be patient with this new process; like any other skill, it takes practice to become comfortable in it.
- Along with the coordinator, help others in your group to work through each phase of the method in a disciplined way, resisting the temptation to lapse into unstructured debate.
- Honor the diversity of insights that may emerge among you.
- Respect the viewpoint of the presenter and of others in your group, even—or especially—when you disagree!
- Recognize that all our insights are partial and limited, and give thanks for those that emerge through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Individual Preparation to Discuss the TR Example

- Note: write your reactions and responses to the example in your Learning Journal. The questions in the TR Method Summary are meant to guide your thinking, but you might not be able to respond to all of them.
- It is of critical importance that you obtain the presenters’ written examples prior to the group meeting through whatever mode your group has determined will work best.
- Begin with a brief period of prayer to ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in encountering this example.
- Read the first section in the example, “Describing the Experience and Situation,” and consider how it addresses who, what, when, where and why in line with the structure proposed in the TR Method Summary. Write in your Learning Journal any clarification questions that you wish to ask the presenter.
- Read the second section, “Conducting Social Analysis,” and consider how the presenter has responded to the questions proposed for social analysis in the TR Method Summary. Whenever possible, search for further information that may help you conduct this analysis; for example, consult library resources or the Internet for more background about the cultural context for this example. Write your own responses to the questions in your Learning Journal.
- Read the third section, “Encountering Christian Tradition,” and consider how the presenter has responded to the questions proposed for this phase in the TR Method Summary.
Summary. Whenever possible, search for further information that may help you conduct this reflection; for example, consult library resources or the Internet for more information about Christian tradition as appropriate for this example. (The Bible, Catholic social teaching documents and JPIC documents are especially helpful here.) Write your own responses to the questions in your Learning Journal.

- Read the fourth section, “Determining New Actions,” and consider how the presenter has responded to the questions proposed for this phase in the TR Method Summary. Write your own responses to the questions in your Learning Journal.