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.
- 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. Note any areas that need to be clarified, although of course you will not have the opportunity to ask the participants in the case. Even so, it is important to gain the habit of noting any areas of confusion.

- Read the second section, “Conducting Social Analysis,” and consider how it corresponds to the questions proposed for social analysis in the TR Method Summary. (Note that the example is deficient in addressing these areas because the instructor knows the case only from reading brief accounts about it.) Whenever possible, search for further information that may help you to 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 it corresponds to the questions proposed for this phase 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 information about Christian tradition as appropriate for this example. (The Bible, Catholic social teaching documents and JPIC documents found on the websites noted in Unit 4 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 it corresponds to the questions proposed for this phase in the TR Method Summary. Write your own responses to the questions in your Learning Journal.