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**Retreat 0 – Presentation of the Retreat**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ during Advent, we will turn our attention to the Gospel of the day, meditate on it from the perspective of safeguarding, and examine its significance for our actions and daily lives.

This is not so much a scholarly exercise or a systematic introduction to the theory of safeguarding. Rather, it is intended to clarify how much safeguarding, with its various aspects, is rooted in the principles and foundations of our faith and the Good News of Jesus Christ. We repeatedly learn how important this insight is in the course of our work at the Institute.

Our respective circumstances may be very different, but we are united by our commitment to Jesus Christ, who turned in a special way to the vulnerable, the little ones, those who were marginalised. In following our Lord, we are called to do the same. The units sent to you over the next few days are intended to serve as a small aid and support in this endeavour.

After meditating on the Gospel of the day, which aims to clarify the connection between the Gospel and aspects of safeguarding, we will offer a short prayer in which we consciously place ourselves and our efforts at safeguarding before God and ask for His help and guidance. The retreat will conclude with a question that each participant can ask themselves repeatedly throughout the day. It challenges us not to forget what we have meditated on, reflected on and prayed for, but to put it into practice in our daily lives.

Let us pray for each other and as a community in a special way over the next few days, that we may experience God's presence together and align our lives with him and his guidance.

United in prayer,

Yours

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