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Dear Saints,

From Passion to Pentecost

Reflection from Bishop Steve for the week starting 7 May

As we continue on our journey from Easter to Pentecost we reflect this week on morality in public service. We are rightly horrified by the immoral behaviour and lack of respect for others shown by some politicians and public servants. Wherever we see it we must condemn self-enrichment, stealing from the poor and other abuses of power, but we must also reflect on what example each of us is setting.

Almost all of us who have jobs say that our organization is there to “serve the public”. Some of us are employed as public servants, others by public institutions like universities, others by churches, others by banks or companies that “serve the public”. Others of us are self-employed.

If I am a taxi-driver, a teacher, a car guard or a cashier at Checkers, how do I treat my passengers, my students or the customers? Do I treat them with respect? And if I am a passenger, or a student or a customer myself, do I treat the driver, the teacher, the car guard and the cashier with respect? Can I expect them to respect me if I do not respect them?

We are all called to serve one another. May the Holy Spirit help us to reflect on our own behaviour in public, to have the humility to treat all people with respect, and to have the courage to hold others to account, so that these fifty days of moral action transform our lives and country.

Gracefully yours,

+ Steve — To Jamesburg.

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