BROTHER JUDE PIETERSE BISHOPS' SECRETARY GENERAL

Marist Brother, Jude Pieterse \, 49, was appointed secretary general of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, for a three year term of office. He succeeds Father Smangaliso Mkhatshwa who completed two terms of office.

Brother Jude was born in Cape Town and matriculated at St Joseph's College, Rondebosch, and joined the Marist Brothers' congregation. His initial training was in Australia.

He taught at Sacred Heart College, Observatory, Johannesburg, and at Marist Brothers', Port Elizabeth. He was provincial of the Marist Brothers in South Africa for nine years.

He has served on various committees dealing with education in South Africa and chaired the Education Council of the Associations of Religious for five years. Since 1977 he has handled negotiations with various government education authorities on behalf of the Catholic schools in South Africa.

As director of the Catholic Institute of Education, he has been a leading figure in the introduction and development of open (non-racial) schools.