

PASTORAL LETTER
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CAPE TOWN
ON SOUTH-WEST/NAMIBIA (NOVEMBER 1982)

My dear People,

The South-West/Namibia question causes us all great concern. The negotiations for a settlement are protracted and there have been several setbacks. In the meantime, lives are being lost and the state of the economy in that country deteriorates.

On information from Church authorities in Namibia the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference commenced an investigation into the situation and a commission visited Namibia and studied the whole problem.

Our concern is to bring about a ceasefire so as to end all killing and suffering. We want all violence to end and peace to be established through a properly supervised election.

I ask you therefore, on the Day of Prayer for Namibia, to pray earnestly for the attainment of a just and peaceful solution of the question. Let us ask Our Blessed Lord to grant His peace to the people of Namibia with whom we are so closely associated, and seek the intercession of the Mother of Our Lord for the Christian answer to the question.

With warmest greeting and my blessing,
Yours sincerely,
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Archbishop of Cape Town