

SABC EXPRESSES OUTRAGE AT THE ATTACK ON ST JAMES CHURCH KENILWORTH (26/7/93)

The Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference expresses its horror and outrage at the diabolical attack that took place in the St James Church in Kenilworth. With this incident, the ongoing attacks on unsuspecting civilians by unknown assailants have reached a most despicable level. The SACBC again condemns in the strongest terms possible, violence in whatever form, whether it be against innocent citizens, political opponents, and the members of the security forces or whoever. There can be no justification for the taking of human life.

At a time when South Africa is moving, however painfully, towards a peaceful political settlement, there are those who appear hell-bent on sowing division and devastation. This is no time for political leaders to be engaging in double talk of peace and war for narrow and selfish political ends. It is the ordinary people who are dying and suffering. Enough is enough. The people of South Africa need an unequivocal commitment on the part of all political leaders to peace, negotiations and democracy.

The SACBC extends its deepest sympathies and condolences to the relatives and friends of those killed in the attack on the congregation of St James Church and prays that all those injured will have a speedy recovery.