

**SACBC SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE STATEMENT ON THE
VISIT OF CARDINAL ROGER ETCHEGARAY TO SOUTH AFRICA
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Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, President of the Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace and of the Pontifical council *Cor Unum*, arrived from Rome today and will be in South Africa until 22 June. Here he will meet with the Catholic episcopate and with civil authorities as well as with representatives of other religious groups and of the social and political sectors.

The Cardinal will reaffirm to the Catholic community the encouragement of the Holy Father, John Paul II and of the Holy See; its generous and efficacious Christian commitment in favour of the promotion of fundamental human rights and for the creation of a climate of dialogue and of tolerance among all the components of South African society.

This is the second visit of Cardinal Etchegaray to South Africa, which the Vatican sees as to be a further con formation of the constant concern of the Apostolic See for a peaceful socio-political evolution in South Africa. This will allow, for the benefit of all citizens, the realisation of an authentic civil living together, rooted in the human and spiritual values of justice, non-violence and reconciliation.