

**SACBC SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT ON ARCHBISHOP
DENIS HURLEY'S RECOGNITION BY WITS UNIVERSITY (8/4/91)**

At a graduation ceremony on 27 March 1991, the University of the Witwatersrand conferred its degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* on Archbishop Denis Hurley in recognition of 'his sustained endeavours and achievements in the promotion of better human, communal race relations, and his leadership in the cause of and contributions to justice and reconciliation in public life in South Africa'.

Honorary doctorates have been conferred upon him by at least eight universities in three continents. Archbishop Hurley has recently passed his seventy-fifth birthday. When he turned 75 he was the longest serving bishop still in office of nearly 4 000 bishops in the Catholic world. Since he has now reached the age of compulsory retirement he will continue to work for what he believes in a less formal capacity.