

## **SACBC STATEMENT**

### **ON**

### **CHILDREN UNDER REPRESSION (AUGUST 1985)**

On behalf of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, the president Archbishop Denis Hurley sent this message of solidarity and support:

“Amid all the turbulence that characterises our country at the present time, the Children under Repression meeting draws attention to a special tragedy – the tragedy of children killed and injured in the repression of dissent. The dissent cannot be stopped. It is the affirmation of people that they will not rest until their legitimate freedoms are recognised and their rights respected. But that children should suffer so much in the indiscriminate exercise of violent repression is among the supreme calamities of this time of unrest.

“May God bless your efforts to highlight the tragedy and bring those responsible to a realisation of the evil they are perpetrating so that a stop may be put to it.”