

SACBC STATEMENT

ON

NOBEL PRIZE FOR BISHOP TUTU (OCTOBER 1984)

The administrative board of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference happened to be meeting in Pretoria in October when Bishop Desmond Tutu was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for 1984. The board expressed its intense gratification in the recognition given to bishop Tutu's tireless endeavours in the pursuit of justice and peace in South Africa, endeavours with which the South African Council of Churches is intimately associated, since he is secretary general of the council.

There is merit too, in the fact that this recognition focuses world attention on the struggle for peace in our troubled country. It is the bishops' desire that this appointment will also encourage the process of working towards a peaceful South Africa.