

**SACBC STATEMENT ON THE TRAIN ACCIDENT AT MARIANHILL
(9/3/94)**

The Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference has learnt with much sadness of the train accident at Marianhill in which so many were killed and injured. At this critical time in our history when people are looking forward to the new South Africa, this kind of event is all the more sad.

We offer our condolences to the many who have lost loved ones and assure them of our support and prayers. We wish the injured a speedy recovery and commend the deceased to the love and mercy of God.

While appreciating the care and responsibility that many drivers of public vehicles have for their passengers, we urge all those who have the lives of others in their hands to be especially sensitive to the sacredness of life. Survivors of the train disaster have made serious allegations. We trust the authorities will waste no time in carrying out a thorough investigation and taking appropriate action.