SACBC STATEMENT

ON

AIDS (5/5/88)

The Administrative Board of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference issued a brief statement reiterating the basic position of the Catholic Church on the Aids epidemic.

The Bishops' Conference regards equally abhorrent both the scourge of Aids, so destructive of human life, and the response of the South African government making provision for so-called safe sex, however indiscriminate, by the use of condoms.

Premarital chastity and marital fidelity are the best protection against Aids.