

STATEMENT ON FR. P. SANDERS, OP

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We have heard with dismay of the refusal of the Government to allow Father Peter Sanders, OP to return to South Africa. It is recognised that Father Sanders is not a South African citizen and consequently has no strict legal claim to domicile in South Africa. It is regrettable, however, that punitive action of this kind is taken against a person without a hearing. As long as no charge is publicly preferred and no evidence produced, we can only characterise such punitive action as arbitrary and unjustified and express our unqualified protest.