

## **STATEMENT**

**On**

### **THE EXPROPRIATION OF THE FEDERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

SACBC Plenary Session, 10 February 1975

The Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference meeting in Plenary Session at Pretoria has expressed grave concern at the expropriation of the Federal Theological Seminary at Alice in the Cape Province. The Seminary supplied an essential service to the African people in preparing ministers and priests to care for their spiritual welfare. This act of expropriation will be definitely looked upon as an act of provocation and is deeply deplored by the Conference, in view of the assurance given by the government when permission was originally granted for the erection of the Seminary. While we express our sympathy with the various churches connected with the Seminary we also express our readiness to assist them in any way possible to us.