

STATEMENT

On

POLICE AMENDMENT BILL

SACBC statement signed by five Archbishops, 19 May 1980

We respectfully urge you, the Honourable prime Minister, in the name of Christian common sense and good government to withdraw the Police Amendment Bill now before Parliament. It can serve to work havoc with all your own declared purposes so for which gave so much reason for hope to thousands of people. Such a Bill can only serve to increase the terrible frustration of millions of South Africans, spread despair amongst them and create further hatred in our country.

During this time as we pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit into our world we beseech Him to guide, inspire and strengthen in furthering the Christian welfare of our people.

- Owen Cardinal McCann, Archbishop of Cape Town
- Most Reverend J. P. Fitzgerald, OMI Archbishop of Johannesburg, President of the SA Catholic Bishops' Conference.
- Most Reverend D.E Hurley, OMI Archbishop of Durban
- Most Reverend G.F. Daniel Archbishop of Pretoria
- Most Reverend P.F. Buthelezi, OMI Archbishop of Bloemfontein