



## Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference

ON THE SAD OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF PROF RUSELL BOTMAN

On behalf of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference I wish to offer my deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Professor Russell Botman, Rector and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Stellenbosch.

His unexpected death has deeply saddened us. The wider church has lost a wise and courageous leader. The academic world has been deprived of fine mind and the country has lost a powerful voice of hope. We especially value his work in the South African Council of Churches and honour the sterling theological contribution he made in the area of reconciliation.

We extend our prayers to his wife and family in this sad time and we assure them that the fruits of his work will live on. May eternal light shine upon him and may the Good Shepherd lead him home.

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