



Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference

The Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference is deeply appalled and grieved by the heinous attacks on worshippers at the two Mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand.

We are particularly disturbed by the naked racism and Islamaphobia that the known perpetrator expressed so openly and the threat that this act poses to religious diversity, the common good and world peace. Such dastardly acts put all of these noble values at great risk.

As a country that has borne the brunt of centuries of racism, we know only too well the atrocities that such twisted thinking can lead to. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by these killings, with the people of New Zealand and with our Muslim sisters and brothers worldwide who are all rendered vulnerable by this attack.

In this sacred season of Lent we pledge anew our commitment to work for a just and peaceful world in which we can all live together as brothers and sisters.

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