



Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference

Southern Africa Catholic Church expresses deep sorrow for the blazing of Notre Dame Catholic Cathedral in Paris

The Roman Catholic Church in Southern Africa is deeply saddened by the damage done by the disastrous fire to the Cathedral of Notre Dame. We send our sincere sympathies to the French Church and nation on the loss of this great monument of their faith.

Notre Dame has been a visible reminder of God's presence at the heart of French society, history and culture for 850 years.

While the fire now has been extinguished may the faith of the French Catholic Church be vigorously enlivened.

We express admiration for the fire fighters who battled the blaze and saved so much of value.

In a particular way we offer our prayers for the Archbishop and people of the Archdiocese of Paris. We are heartened by the resolve of the President of France and his government to restore this great icon of French faith and Culture.



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