



Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference

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Dear Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and Apostolic Administrators

The Apostolic Nuncio has informed us that Pope Francis has appointed His Eminence Cardinal Stephen Brislin as Metropolitan Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Johannesburg, transferring him from the Archdiocese of Cape Town.

The announcement of the resignation of His Excellency Archbishop Buti Tlhagale OMI from the pastoral governance of the Archdiocese of Johannesburg and the appointment of His Eminence Cardinal Stephen Brislin will take place on Monday 28 October at 12h00 in Rome (13h00 in South Africa)

His excellency Archbishop Tlhagale will remain Apostolic Administrator *sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* of the Archdiocese of Johannesburg until the new Archbishop takes possession.

In compliance with the Code of Canon Law, Can. 418 §1, the newly appointed Archbishop must take possession within two months of the date of publication of the announcement.

This information will be uploaded onto the SACBC Social Media Platforms on the 28th of October after 13h00.

Yours faithfully

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Secretary General