

PRESS STATEMENT

Installation of Archbishop-elect Sithembele Anton Sipuka as Archbishop of Cape Town

The Archdiocese of Cape Town is pleased to announce that the installation of Archbishop-elect Sithembele Anton Sipuka as Archbishop of Cape Town will take place on Saturday, 14 March 2026, at 10.00 a.m., at the GrandWest Arena, Goodwood.

The installation ceremony will be attended by the Apostolic Nuncio to Southern Africa, Archbishop Henryk Jagodziński, the President of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC), Cardinal Stephen Brislin, bishops from across Southern Africa, as well as clergy, religious, representatives of other Christian denominations and faith traditions, civic leaders, and members of the faithful.

This historic celebration marks a significant new chapter in the life of the Archdiocese of Cape Town, as Archbishop-elect Sipuka formally assumes pastoral leadership and responsibility for guiding the Archdiocese in faith, service, and mission. He brings to this ministry a wealth of pastoral experience, theological depth, and a profound commitment to social justice, reconciliation, and the dignity of every human person. His ministry has been characterised by attentive listening, collaborative leadership, and a strong emphasis on faith lived through service. As Archbishop of Cape Town, he will shepherd a diverse and vibrant Catholic community, responding to contemporary challenges while remaining firmly rooted in the Gospel.

During the liturgical celebration, Archbishop-elect Sipuka will be formally installed through the presentation of the papal mandate and the ritual acceptance of his new episcopal ministry. These rites signify his communion with the universal Church and his mission to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care.

The Archdiocese invites Catholics and all people of goodwill to join in prayer for Archbishop-elect Sipuka as he prepares to take up this sacred responsibility. His installation comes at a time of both challenge and opportunity for the Church, calling for renewed evangelisation, compassion for the vulnerable, and a deepening of faith in an ever-changing society.

The Archdiocese of Cape Town looks forward with hope and confidence to the leadership of its new Archbishop and prays that his ministry will be blessed with wisdom, courage, and grace as he leads the faithful in faith, unity, and service.

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