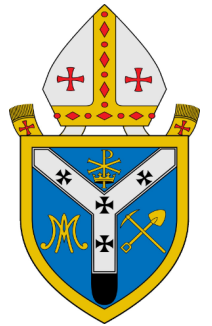
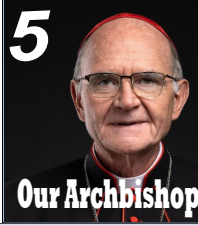


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Inauguration of the Jubilee Year of Hope



Cardinal Brislin lights the Jubilee Year candle while Frs Lawrence Ndlovu and Vusi Nhlapo observed the proceedings.

The opening of the Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese was celebrated on 1 February, the feast of Blessed Benedict Daswa at Christ the King Cathedral by Cardinal Stephen Brislin. The Mass was concelebrated by Archbishop Emeritus Buti Tlhagale OMI and some priests of the Archdiocese. The liturgy started with the rite for the blessing of water and sprinkling of holy water to all the faithful gathered by the Cardinal.

It is a time of rejoicing and recalling God's mercy and forgiveness." Speaking about Bl Benedict Daswa, the Cardinal mentioned that in his life we see a generous man, a dedicated father and husband, a teacher who had concerns of his students in his heart and a catechism teacher who spread the faith and guided young people to know and serve God. "A man of integrity and morals who laid his life for what he believed."

The more we become accustomed to certain sins, the more we lose our freedom," he said. He highlighted that we should seek forgiveness from God and other, often we are locked into ourselves through anger or a sense of self-pity because we have been hurt by someone else, and we hold on to the hurt even when the person expresses sorrow for what they have done.



Cardinal Stephen Brislin, Archbishop Emeritus Buti Tlhagale OMI and members of the clergy during the Eucharistic prayer.

In his homily, Cardinal Brislin invited the faithful to pause and reflect on their faith and renew their commitment to put their lives at the service of God and other people during the Holy Year. "The jubilee in the Old Testament is characterized by renewal, restoration and liberation.

He emphasized that we need to know that our faith is witnessed by others when they see the good works we do. Cardinal Brislin elaborated on three practical ways we can celebrate the Jubilee. "Firstly, we should seek to free ourselves. Sin binds us and makes slaves of us.

But just like Jesus did on the cross, we need to pray for those who wrong us asking God to bless and protect them. Secondly, the Cardinal pointed out that we need to recommit ourselves to service.

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1964 – 2024: A celebration of a faith community that has strived for prayer, unity, care and self-reliance

The Diepkloof community's origins can be traced to the 1950s forced removals from Alexandra township and Sophiatown by the apartheid government. Catholics found a spiritual home at Christ the King in Orlando East where Sunday Masses was celebrated. As the number of parishioners increased, the Eucharistic liturgy was held at the local Madibane High School with the Ntuli family availing their residence for weekday services. In 1964, plans got off the ground to build a permanent church structure. To celebrate St Margaret's, the Diepkloof parish's 60 years of establishment, a Mass of thanksgiving was held on Sunday, 9 February. It was led in Sesotho, isiZulu and English by former parish priest, now Ordinary of Keimoes – Upington Diocese, Bishop Edward Risi OMI.



Bishop Edward Risi says a prayer ahead of blessing the congregation with holy water.

In his sermon, Bishop Risi focused on the powerful respective encounters of Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1 - 2a, 3 - 8) and Peter (Luke 5:1-11) had of God's presence. He said Isaiah, who felt aware of his own sinfulness and uncleanness demonstrated that experiencing the holiness of God and seeing our own sin in light of his holiness are consistent and important parts of encountering God's presence. Overwhelmed by God's glory, Isaiah offered himself to serve despite feeling inadequate. God, in his grace, restored Isaiah to service and gave him a message for the people. Similarly, with Peter in the Gospel. Jesus is able to do in seconds what Peter was not able to accomplish all night. The miraculous catch of fish produces in Peter a contrite spirit as he marvels at the power of Jesus and he reacts by saying, "Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man". "God's desire has always been to lead his children into his righteousness. When we experience our sinfulness, we can experience the holiness of God. God does not condemn us, he wants to lift us up," encouraged Bishop Risi. "Today we celebrate in a very special way 60 years of the history of the congregation, the presence of God's saving power in this community. Over many years, God has worked wonders through our parents and those who have gone before us.

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Pope's intention: March

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

PATRONAL FEASTS: MARCH

17 th	St Patrick, La Rochelle (1906)
	St Patrick, Benoni (1910)
19 th	St Joseph, Mayfair (1892)
	St Joseph, Actonville (1935)
	St Joseph, Meadowlands (1958)
	St Joseph, Primrose (1958)
	St Joseph, Mokoena (1966)
24 th	Our Lady of Victories, Dobsonville (1996)



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Chrism Mass

Cathedral of Christ the King
Thursday 17 April 9:30

Celebration of St David's Day and blessing of the memorial pipe organ



The refurbished and restored St David's memorial pipe organ installed in the Chapel of Mary.



Senior Preparatory choir singing Ave Maria during the candle lighting ceremony.

St David's Marist, Inanda was honoured to celebrate its feast day and blessing of the memorial pipe organ on the evening of Friday, 28 February by Cardinal Stephen Brislin, who was also guest speaker at the inaugural St David of Wales lecture.

In his address at the beginning of the Mass, the school's chaplain, Fr Privilege Tshabalala OMI, mentioned that sacred music holds a unique and exalted place in the life of the church, for it is not merely an ornament to the liturgy but an essential element of divine worship. "In our time, we must safeguard the integrity of sacred music, ensuring that it remains a channel of grace rather than a distraction. It moves the heart to contrition, inspires devotion and draws us into the mystery of the divine," he said. The address was followed by the blessing of the pipe organ by the Cardinal after which Matthew Lumsden, the organist played the first tune.

In his homily, Cardinal Brislin reflected on the gospel of Matthew 5:13-16 where Jesus calls us to be the salt and light of the world. He mentioned that firstly Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth by bringing joy into our encounters with others, drawing them to the good news of life and salvation and setting the world alight through kindness and mercy.

Secondly, when we preserve what has been handed on to us without losing our moral compass by ensuring we remain true and faithful to the essence of our faith which is a sacrificial love proclaimed through forgiveness and confronting injustices.

"To preserve faith does not mean the faith is static, rather remaining to the fundamental virtues of Christianity," said the Cardinal.

He further highlighted that the world is in transition, things are changing rapidly and new situations are arising on a daily basis, however faith needs to be applied to the daily realities of the modern world because it is about growth, development and striving for the fullness of spiritual maturity.

Speaking about our call to be the light of the world, the Cardinal described that light illuminates, guides and dispels darkness. It is not to be hidden rather it is meant to be seen by all. He mentioned that this does not mean we parade our virtue or have a senses to say we are better off than others but the light we called to be is meant to inspire, comfort and bring hope. In reference to the theme of the Jubilee year, Cardinal Brislin said,



Cardinal Stephen Brislin delivering the St David of Wales lecture.

"There are many who feel hopeless and confused. Hope does not deny suffering and makes no false promises. Hope calls us to reflect on the meaning of life and leads to the recognition of something great. It takes goodwill to be a pilgrim of hope."

He made reference to St David of Wales that as a teacher and preacher it was through simplicity of his life he gave strength and hope to those he had an encounter with. He was never ashamed of his faith and was called to teach the truth of the Gospel.

In gratitude to the memorial pipe organ, the donors were each invited for a candle lighting ceremony.

After Mass all present gathered in the hall for the lecture which was delivered by Cardinal Brislin. This was followed by the conferment of the Confortare Award bestowed posthumously on Br Jude Pieterse whose citation was read by Lara Klement.

Mike Thiel, executive headmaster gave a vote of thanks and invited the guests to some refreshments.

Lebo Lentsoane



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"The Eucharist is the highway to
heaven," he wrote. When people sit in
the sun, they become tan, "but when
they sit before Eucharistic Jesus, they
become saints."

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Cardinal Stephen Brislin blesses the faithful with holy water.

“Jesus came to serve and not to be served and we know that he expects his disciples to be servants of everyone. This humble service is a characteristic of Christian life,” he explained. “Finally, we need to deepen our faith, to draw from wells of salvation and grace despite the many problems we encounter,” he said. He added that we must strengthen our prayer life and make effort to be conscious of God’s presence.

The Jubilee candle of the Archdiocese was lit and placed next to the crucifix. These will be permanent fixtures at every Mass and celebration of the Jubilee in the Cathedral. Furthermore, eight other jubilee year candles were blessed and given to each deanery chairperson. Each parish will have the opportunity to host the deanery jubilee year candle.

Lebo Lentsoane

Parish reflects on the importance of promoting justice and peace in communities



Fr Abel Maluleka with members of the South African Justice, Crime Prevention and Security cluster.

A special Mass in which members of the Justice and Peace group and collaborators were prayed for and blessed took place on Sunday, 16 February at Our Lady of Africa, Mohlakeng.

The Mass was celebrated by parish priest, Fr Abel Maluleka, in which he emphasized the importance of promoting justice and peace in our communities. Fr Abel said that the South African Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster, comprising departments like Police, Home Affairs, Justice and Correctional Services, aims to streamline

resources and improve the criminal justice system, focusing on reducing crime, managing borders, and combating corruption. Their respective roles are important because society fully depends on the enforcement of law for a safer country.

A representative of the Justice and Peace ministry, Solly Malaka explained the roles played by the different departments and some of the challenges they go through in their quest to enhance community safety. Crime prevention activities encompass a wide range of actions aimed at reducing

crime, including community engagement, environmental design, and addressing root causes of crime. He warned against wasting state resources saying oftentimes people open cases with the police and then withdraw them.

A moment of silence in remembrance of the 14 South African National Defence Force members who recently passed away in the Congo was observed.

Solly concluded by saying, “In spite of the challenges we go through, we continue with the call to serve the country.”

Lesedi Tsoaeli

Commissioning of catechists



Catechists from St Peter Claver, Pimville were commissioned on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Sunday, 2 February, by parish priest, Fr Bonga Mkhize OMI. The commissioning of catechists is an opportunity to recognize the commitment that catechists make. It's also an opportunity to pray for them to receive the graces they need to be good and faithful catechists. After the prayer of blessing, each catechist was presented with a certificate of commissioning.

Gabriel Selamolele

Catechists' Annual Retreat



Fr James Thaki setting up for the retreat. He is assisted by seminarian, Br Bonga Zulu.

Catechists from parishes across the Archdiocese gathered at the Cathedral on 1 February for their annual retreat. This day was a spiritual opportunity for catechists to reflect, renew their faith, and deepen their understanding of their role in sharing the faith with others. The retreat master, Fr James Thaki, in his introduction asked the catechists to reflect on the gospel of John 6:68 in which Peter says to Jesus, “Lord to whom shall we go?”

You have the words of eternal life.

He then explained that Simon Peter gave a wonderful statement of faith. He recognized Jesus in a number of ways, firstly, as the preferred alternative, despite the difficulties.

Secondly, as the value of spiritual things, more than the material and earthly desires of those who walked away.

And lastly, he recognized Jesus as the Messiah and Lord. Looking at how God has revealed himself through his Word, his people, and through Jesus.

Fr James continued: “This is a time to pray and reflect on who we are as catechists and answer the question of what our role is in

we minister.” He further mentioned that the word of God is living and effective, penetrating even between soul and spirit and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

He explained that our faith is comprised of facts and information and beliefs that we hold to be true. As catechists, they ought to echo all of that. While it is important to teach the truths and facts of our faith, that is not enough. They are called to be authentic witnesses



Catechists came in their numbers, filling up the Cathedral's big hall.

echoing the faith to others.” Reflecting on the theme of the retreat, “*He opened their minds to understand the scriptures*”, (Luke 24:54) he emphasized why it is important to look at the role of a catechist as revealed in Scripture. “If we are rooted in the Word, we will be better equipped to pass on the faith to the people to whom

who teach by example and by the lives they lead. The day concluded with a private reflection and holy hour. Those who wished to go for the Sacrament of Confession had the opportunity to do so.

Lebo Lentsoane

Workshop on the ministry of hospitality



Annastacia Mphuthi from the Liturgy Department, Fr Vusi Nhlapo, who was the facilitator, Sibongile Shibambo and Rev Michael Mpambane.

The Department of Divine Worship and Liturgy held a workshop for Ushers on Saturday, 22 February in the Cathedral Hall. The role of an usher is that of hospitality which is to make parishioners and guests feel welcome and help them in any way they can during and after the liturgical celebration. The workshop was facilitated by Fr Vusi Nhlapo. In his presentation, he focused on the history of ushers from a biblical point of view in both the Old and New Testament. He elaborated on the spiritual qualifications making reference to the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5 as solid guidelines for a good usher because by serving a spiritual role, they should exhibit some spiritual characteristics. This is what he had to say about the fruits of the Spirit:

Most people are impatient by nature, setting a good example with your patience towards them is vital.

Kindness: This is the attitude that makes one approachable as an usher.

Goodness: The inner quality of goodness is a gift that results from the Holy Spirit's power working within us. This state of being naturally spills over into the service and brings an intangible but powerful presence into the worship experience.

Faithfulness: as a Christian bleeds over into faithfulness as an usher.

Love: Choosing to genuinely love the people you serve as an usher.

Joy: Lighten up and enjoy the moment, as a result your spirit will be contagious to others.

Peace: It is important to add peace, calm, and order to what might otherwise be an overwhelming and hectic experience.

Patience: This is a great quality of a good usher.

Showing up, being responsible and doing the ministry well matters to everyone.

Gentleness: The best usher is a humble one who seeks to put others first no matter how much pressure may be under.

Self-Control: In calm moments self-control is easy, it is under the pressure of hectic moments and last minute changes that grace and self-control will shine.

The participants then had group discussions where they shared their experiences on different scenarios which happens in their own parishes. They gave feedback to the bigger group. The ministry of ushers is open to all men, women and youth.



Participants share their experiences during group discussions.

A good usher comes prepared mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

This is not to be seen as a duty, but a privilege to connect with God as part of preparation. Ushers help ensure a smooth running church service and minister to people in a variety of practical ways and handling emergency situations with courage and composure.

Lebo Lentsoane

Chancery staff welcome Cardinal Brislin to the local Church headquarters



Cardinal Stephen Brislin with staff from the Tribunal Office. They are from left, the Judicial Vicar, Fr Joe Pich, Susann Greyling and Charmaine Makhubela.

In a week prior to the Installation of Cardinal Stephen Brislin as Archbishop of Johannesburg, he had a meeting at the Chancery. As the Vicar General, Fr Paul Beukes OMI, took him on tour, the Cardinal used the opportunity to visit each office and to get acquainted with his future workforce, briefly engaging them on the missionary activities of the Archdiocese. Some members of staff had met the Cardinal through the various assignments he has given his 'yes' to before, where they witnessed his joyful zeal for his ministry, commitment to spreading the good news and a passion for young people.

A little over a week later, on the morning of Wednesday, 5 February, Chancery staff gathered in the tea room for the reception. His predecessor, Archbishop Emeritus Buti Tlhagale OMI was also present.

In sharing words of welcome and support, Dillon Naicker from the Youth Department said, "Since the Church is celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, we trust somehow in God's mysterious and divine will, that the timing is perfect. And that your obedience to God will have a positive impact. We certainly look forward to your leadership and guidance. He vouched that the staff was praying for him. "Be assured that in this journey that has shocked you in many ways, you certainly have our prayers and support. We warmly and heartily welcome you and we certainly look forward to serving with you," he said. Turning his speech to Archbishop Emeritus Tlhagale, he said despite his

objection to people eulogising him while he still alive, he has to share that he has seen an optimism for the new chapter with Cardinal Brislin. "But I have also seen great sadness at the news of your departure and the words that young people have expressed is that the legacy you leave behind is a substantial one. For that we thank you, we honour you too. Know that our prayers not only go before you but behind you and we wish you the best in what the Lord has in store for you for this chapter of your life."



Emma Zemura from the Archives Department welcomed Cardinal Stephen Brislin with a broad smile.

Even though priests formed part of the gathering and the Vicar General, Fr Paul Beukes OMI acknowledged them as ordained ministers, he humbly asked that Nthabiseng Moloi from the Catechetical Department lead the prayer. She petitioned God to grant wisdom to staff to be able to support Cardinal Brislin in his ministry and to bless him as he leads the Archdiocese. She thanked God for the gift that Archbishop Emeritus Tlhagale has been over the years. She implored God to grant him good health and a blessed retirement and asked Mother Mary to continue interceding on his behalf. Fr Mlungisi Mabe, Vicar for Communications, spoke on behalf of the vicars.

"God truly blessed us when he appointed you, Your Eminence, to lead the Archdiocese. I would like to assure you of our prayers and support." He thanked Archbishop Tlhagale for his commitment and ministry through which as priests they continue to be encouraged to carry out the mission that the Lord gives them anew each day. "We have enjoyed your guidance, accompaniment and counsel. May God continue to bless you," he said.

Cardinal Brislin reiterated that he was indeed shocked it was announced that he was appointed to Johannesburg. He said he has been overwhelmed by the messages of support and the pledges of prayer he has received.

"While I am very sad to leave Cape Town, unlike Archbishop Tlhagale, I have enjoyed hearing all the nice things people have to say about me.

When I was at the consistory last year, and again just before the Synod on Synodality, we met with the Pope. I shook his hand

and I said, Holy Father, the Church in South Africa is praying for you. He looked up at me and said, 'Please pray for me because this job is tough'. I share his sentiments. This job is tough please do pray for me as well." He also shared his fears on the appointment. "When the news broke, there were two fears which are still lingering.

Firstly, taking over Archbishop Tlhagale. I have seen him in action and in plenary sessions. He has got a mind that is incisive. He is able to articulate things very clearly, cutting through red herrings. My mind I am afraid is a little muddled and bewildered sometimes.

"Secondly, I am at an age where I find it difficult to remember names and I am worried about how I am going to remember priests' names. However, I trust in God's Divine Providence. I go into this position willingly and with every intention of doing the best I can. I can only do that with your support," he said.

Archbishop Tlhagale offered him his fraternal support and assured him of his continued prayers as he leads the Archdiocese.

Lerato Mohone



Cardinal Stephen Brislin
Archbishop of Johannesburg

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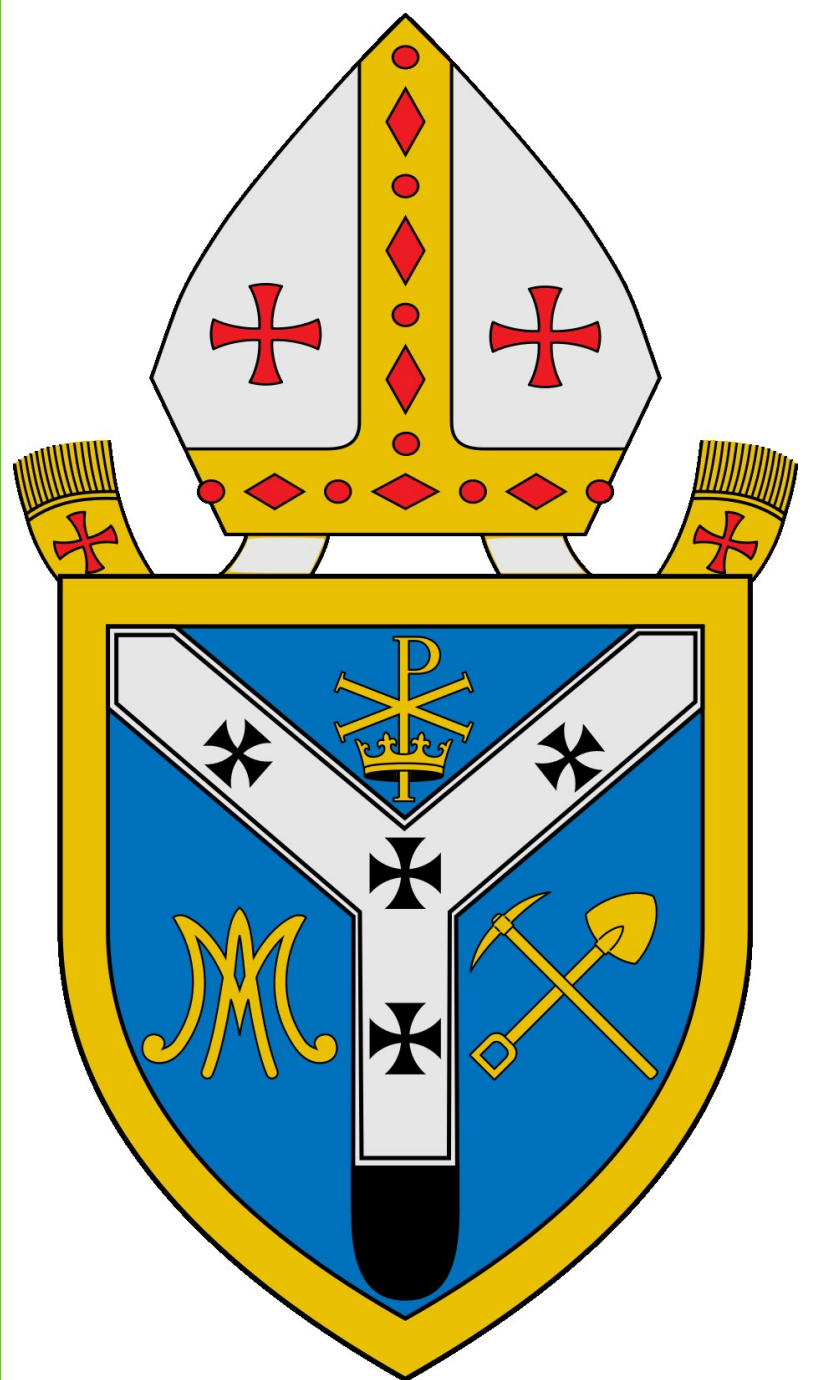
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Cardinal Stephen Brislin: Let us get to know our new Archbishop

1. Were you able, Your Eminence, to pick up some isiXhosa during your time in Cape Town?

Regrettably, I was not able to pick up decent isiXhosa. I tried to say Mass with the parts of the Mass in isiXhosa. Together with other priests, I also attended classes that were organised by the Archdiocese of Cape Town but unfortunately those came to an end at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, I do feel that had I been in a Xhosa-speaking parish, I could have been fluent by now. I am more competent in Sesotho. But of course, 15 years of not really speaking the language, my Sesotho has become rusty. I need to have conversations with Basotho more often.

2. What is your Sesotho name and how did it come about?

I have quite a number of Sesotho names. The first one is Motlalepula – He who comes with rain. In my early years as a priest, the Bishop of Kroonstad at the time sent me to Lesotho to learn Sesotho. After some time in Leribe, the Bishop there asked me to go to St Charles Mission in the mountains of Lesotho. I drove up to the mission in a little Volkswagen and as I arrived there was a heavy downpour. One of the Sisters, before she even greeted me said, “Aaah, you are, Motlalepula” and the name has stuck. During my time as a deacon, I was given the name Mosa which means kindness. At another parish, I was named me Job because they felt I exhibited the patience of Job. I am not so sure if the latter two are befitting names. With the name Motlalepula, of course in the days leading up to my Installation as Archbishop of Johannesburg, it rained cats and dogs and people jokingly blamed me for it.

3. What inspired your motto, *Veritas in Caritate* (Truth in Love)?

It is derived from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians 4: 15. *“If we live by the truth and in love, we shall grow completely into Christ, who is the head”*. I chose it simply because it reflects the balance of what we do as Church. We preach the truth and Christ is the truth. But, the truth by itself is insufficient because we also need compassion and love. If you look at the life of Jesus you always find that balance in him. Christ was unwavering in his preaching of the truth, even when he faced opposition and ultimately death. He was always welcoming and compassionate, willing to help people who desired to transform their lives for the better. My motto has not changed since my first appointment as Bishop of Kroonstad.

4. The Cardinal's ring which you wear on your right hand bears the images of Ss Peter and Paul. In the centre is a Star. What is the meaning behind the design?

Each Pope chooses the design of the ring that he gives to the cardinals he creates. My ring would not be similar to a Cardinal created by Pope Benedict XVI or St Pope John Paul II. This one is particular to Pope Francis. It

depicts the images of Ss Peter and Paul – two apostles, two very different men, both fundamental to the history of the Church. If Peter was the “stone” on which the Church was built, as well as leading the flock of God, Paul was the most fervent preacher of the Word in the whole Mediterranean world, the first missionary in history. This reflects what a Cardinal should be. We are supposed to embody both, following their footsteps. The Star symbolises Our Lady. We are under her protection and her patronage and certainly in need of her intercession. The ring is on the right hand as it the hand we use it to impart blessings.

5. Which apostolate/ apostleship/ missionary action is close to your heart and why?

There are quite a few, however, I prioritise the youth. It is important to be welcoming to young people. We tend to dictate to them. I believe in affording them the opportunity to pose questions and to respond to them from the standpoint of our faith. When I do meet with young people, I always give them the platform to engage me on whatever topic that is on their mind. Prison ministry is also very close to my heart. When I was a deacon in London, the parish priest used to visit the local Wormwood Scrubs prison on a weekly basis and I would always accompany him. I soon developed a great love of reaching out to prisoners. When I was a young priest and was aware of parishioners who were behind bars, I always tried to get permission to visit them and to hold services in prison.

6. At the Consistory on 30 September 2023, you were also created a Cardinal-Priest of the Titular Church of Santa Maria Domenica Mazzarello by Pope Francis. What does this mean?

Santa Maria Domenica Mazzarello is a parish church of the Diocese of Rome as well as a titular church to which a cardinal priest is sometimes assigned. According to tradition, a Cardinal is really a priest of Rome. In order to emphasise this, every Cardinal is given a titular church in Rome. That does not mean I am the parish priest. In fact, we are given strict instructions not to interfere with the running of the parish. It does mean, however, that the parish has adopted me as its “protector”. It is my duty to visit it at least once a year to celebrate Mass. My predecessor also availed himself to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation and that is a tradition I intend to keep. What I really love about the Church is that it is not one of the old traditional churches. It is a living parish in the suburbs of Rome. It has a vibrant choir and an active youth ministry. It really is an alive parish.

7. Your Eminence, in addition to the number of hats you wear, you have also been appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Cape Town. Does this mean you divide your time among the two dioceses?

I am also the newly appointed president of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference. I am juggling a lot at the moment. The auxiliary bishop of Cape Town, Sylvester David OMI is

also the Vicar General which means he takes care of the day-to-day running of the Archdiocese of Cape Town, leaving the bigger decisions to me.

We have regular discussions between ourselves. I still have certain obligations which include participating in the respective Finance Council and Consultor's meetings. But, most of my energies are directed towards Johannesburg.

8. You seem to have a passion for communication?

I really believe the Church has a good message to share with people. And if you think about it, Jesus entrusted us with the mission to proclaim the good news, to communicate with people. Quite often in secular media, we are bombarded with negative and immoral messages. Every parish, every diocese is alive and has outreach programmes, especially those who are most vulnerable. The Church has an incredible contribution to make in terms of working for justice and peace and striving for an equitable nation. I think that is something we have to bring to the attention of as many people as we possibly can.

9. What has been your greatest fear and how have you managed to overcome it?

Fear is an emotion that all of us get to experience once in a while. Coming to Johannesburg, one of my fears was how am I going to remember people's names because I am bit elderly. I fear that I am going to have to keep on asking somebody their name even though they have told me before. Also, with the importance of Johannesburg as an Archdiocese, I feel that I will not be able to make a sufficient contribution to its wellbeing because I am in the latter years of my episcopate. These fears I will overcome because not everything will fall on my shoulders. I am working with many good Catholics. Therefore, while there is that sort of fear, at the same time there's also the consolation and the comfort that I am surrounded by very committed priests and church workers who are really dedicated to the mission of Christ. Also, when I battle to make a decision on an issue concerning the diocese, I employ what always works – prayer. Not only do I pray the Office of the Hours, but I also commit time to silent reflection in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. I also seek wisdom from the scriptures. And God does guide us. The Holy Spirit certainly is our compass.

10. A cardinal has diplomatic rank because he is a representative of the Pope. Please elaborate on what this means.

It means the Holy Father can call on the Cardinal to undertake a diplomatic mission. For instance, Pope Francis has tasked Cardinal Matteo Zuppi, head of the Italian Bishops' Conference, to carry out a peace mission to try to help end the war in Ukraine. A Cardinal is meant to be of service, primarily to the Catholic Church but really to society at large. He is supposed to build bridges where they have collapsed or are non-existent.

Compiled by Lerato Mohone

Cardinal Archbishop of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Johannesburg



Cardinal Stephen Brislin

- Born in Welkom on 24 September 1956.
- Schooling at St Agnes' Convent, Welkom and CBC, Welkom
- Seminary: Philosophy at St John Vianney, Pretoria and Theology at the Missionary Institute, London
- Ordained a priest on 19 November 1983.
- Ordained Bishop of Kroonstad on 28 January 2007.
- Installed as Archbishop of Cape Town on 7 February 2010, on the Solemnity of Our Lady of the Flight into Egypt, the patronal feast of the Archdiocese of Cape Town.
- Awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Pastoral Leadership by the Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, Texas, USA on 5 May 2023.
- Announced as a Cardinal by Pope Francis at the Pope's Angelus address in Rome on 9 July 2023.
- Created a Cardinal-Priest of the Titular Church of Santa Maria Domenica Mazzarello by Pope Francis at the Consistory on 30 September 2023.
- Installed as Archbishop of Johannesburg on 25 January 2025.

The Coat-of-Arms of Cardinal Stephen Brislin



The Coat-of-Arms of Cardinal Brislin shows on a red shield a silver pall, which symbolises the cross as the instrument of salvation. On it is placed a red Basotho hat (mokorotlo) that represents the Cardinal's roots in the Free State. Below the pall is the star that symbolises the Southern Cross and the patronage of Our Lady of the Flight into Egypt; as well as the anchor, a symbol of hope that reflects Cape Town's location at the Cape of Good Hope. Behind the shield is the patriarchal cross and the pallium, both indicating that he is the Archbishop of a Metropolitan see.

As a member of the College of Cardinals the coat of arms is surmounted by a scarlet galero with 15 tassels (fiocchi) on each side.

The Cardinal's motto “*Veritas in Caritate*” (Truth in Charity) remains unchanged since his first appointment as bishop of Kroonstad.

Bosco Youth Ministry Team Salesian Social Communication Formation



Participants at the formation session

Amicable Communication With Today's Young People: Social Communication serving the Salesian mission in the Church. The team will also reflect on the various World Communication Day messages over the past ten years.

On 7 February, the Bosco Youth Ministry team began its weekly formation programme on Salesian Social Communication. Br Clarence Watts guides the team through various aspects of social communication from a Salesian perspective. The team has been challenged to not be afraid to be creative, to enter the field of media, of social networks, and to see this space as a great gift from God, and not as a threat or danger.

Br Clarence also emphasised that Don Bosco would have embraced this new way of evangelisation to be closer to the young and to bring them closer to Christ.

The team will be guided through the Salesian handbook

Salesians, like Don Bosco, look at today's young people from the point of view of the Gospel. Together with the educative community and the laity, they try to respond in a Salesian way, through educational communication, to the great challenges that young people face today in digital culture, in particular individualism, violence, injustice and indifference towards migrants. It is by walking together with young people in different cultures, that Salesians communicate Jesus Christ and the joy of the gospel.

Br Clarence Watts
Provincial Delegate for
Social Communication

Young adults kick-start their first-ever gathering with a Mass



Cardinal Stephen Brislin with priests, deacons and altar servers.

The Archdiocese's first-ever young adults opening Mass was held at St Anthony's, Coronationville on Saturday, 8 February. This was in response to the call to create and inspire spaces in which young adults can share their faith with those in similar phases of life, establish a support network of young adult ministries and to build relationships among the leaders of these ministries. The Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Stephen Brislin and concelebrated by Frs Abel Maluleka (vicar for youth), Ziphosakhe Ngwenya (chaplain for youth West deanery), Manuel Fernandes

(Archdiocese of Cape Town) and Fr Vusi Nhlapo, parish priest of St Anthony. They were assisted by deacons Alpheus John and Bakang Khunou. In his homily focusing on the readings for the day from Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21 and the Gospel of Mark 6:30-34, Cardinal Brislin emphasized that both readings teach about community and being in relationship with others. "As young adults, you are at a privileged stage in your lives, you have independence and the power to shape and make your own choices about your lives." He also mentioned that it is at this stage that one forms relationships with others at different levels than before as they relate to them as independent individuals.

"Just like any other stage of life, young adults also encounter problems, anxieties and disappointments," said the Cardinal. "So while it is an exhilarating time of life in its creativity and

"The peace which we are seeking is not a human creation it is God's special gift an integral harmony of all aspects of our life, centred in the mystery of God's presence with us."

The Cardinal concluded by putting emphasis on what he described as an 'irony of Christian faith'. The more we give is the more we receive and the more we grow spiritually, deepening our relationship with God, we are enriched through other people, he explained. A special blessing was given to students, graduates, those seeking employment and married couples. After Mass various speakers delivered their presentations.



Young adults group from Holy Family, Spruitview (in grey polo shirts) were among those that attended the Mass.

possibility, it also comes with all the imperfections of our humanity and finiteness." He highlighted that even though the world may define a person's identity according to their status in life, our true identity is to be found in Jesus Christ, discovering God's purpose for our lives and the utilization of the gifts he has given for the growth of justice, unity and peace among people. Cardinal Brislin further explained that peace with God means that we go out to the poor and needy and thus enabled to transform our prayers and rituals into a worthy sacrifice of praise.

Lesego Zikhali, chairperson of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference Youth and Young Adults commended the Archdiocese for forming the young adults structure and also informed them of the upcoming events in the Conference. These are:

BI Benedict Daswa Youth pilgrimage which will take place at Ave Maria Pastoral Centre, Tzaneen on 29 - 30 March and a Young Adults' Conference which will take place in Botswana on 25 - 28 September. The day ended with a meet and greet over some refreshments.

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Sybil Skhisazana and Martha Moalusi stand poised to cut the first piece of the commemorative cake as Bridget Malebo leads the congregation in a celebratory song.

God wants to multiply the wonders he did with Isaiah and Simon Peter and the other apostles. You, too, must be ready to leave everything and follow him. We are, therefore, asked anew to reflect him, to be another Jesus in our homes, workplaces, and community," he said. In her welcoming remarks, programme director and 60th celebration committee member, Bridget Malebo said: "An anniversary briefly affords us the opportunity to revisit the memories gone by and to cherish them again, which is what one of our veterans, Solomon Seperepere is going to do.

The "veteran" shared how the worshipping community came to be and the tumultuous times they had to endure under the apartheid system. "Through the challenges we learned to stand together. As a community of faith we were guided by the scriptures and the Social Teaching of the Church which encouraged justice and inspired us to stand up against unjust laws," he recalled.

The speakers also commended the 12 Holy Cross

established Lima Primary School on the precinct and assisted with instructing Catechism at the parish. A letter in which Cardinal Stephen Brislin expressed his inability to join the congregation in paying homage to the early men and women, priests and deacons who have worked tirelessly over the many years in building the vibrant and spirit-filled community was read by 60th celebration committee chairperson, Khaya Bhengu.

the future of becoming more of the people of God," encouraged Cardinal Brislin. He congratulated Fr Sithabiso Sithole OMI and the parish on



Khaya Bhengu, Bella Pule, Elizabeth Dongo, Elizabeth Baloyi, Virginia Raphasha and Lucy Makgora in beautiful commemorative 60th anniversary celebration attire.

"May you continue to be blessed with God's guiding spirit as you move forward into

the great milestone and assured them of his prayers.

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Sr Kgomotso professes final vows



Sr Kgomotso Majoafi CSA kneels before Archbishop Emeritus Buti Tlhagale during the prayer of solemn consecration of the professed.

He thanked couples who have committed and persevered in marriage saying they are a symbol of hope and witnesses to Christ and mentioned that in religious life commitment is to Jesus Christ himself which entails an irrevocable love and a lifelong consecrated celibacy. The homily was followed by the examination of the candidate and the invitation to prayer. As Sr Kgomotso prostrated while the litany of saints was sung.

Sr Ouma Ntoagae CSA, Superior General received the vows while Sr Kgomotso held a lit candle and placed her right hand on the Bible.

Sr Kgomotso Majoafi made her final profession of religious vows and the Church from all corners of the country and beyond rejoiced with her at St Angela's, Dobsonville on Saturday, 15 February. Mamokgadi Koneshe, the parish pastoral council chairperson welcomed Archbishop Emeritus Buti Tlhagale, the clergy and religious congregations which included the Ursuline Sisters, Assumption Sisters, Dominican and Franciscan Sisters, Sisters of Calvary from Botswana, Sisters of St Brigid from Rustenburg, Brothers of Charity and Franciscan Friars of Third Order Regular from Kwa Zulu-Natal.

During the calling of the candidate, Sr Judith Manyike CSA, formator of Sr Kgomotso called her and she was led to the altar by her parents. Archbishop Emeritus Buti Tlhagale in the beginning his homily acknowledged the role of Sisters, Brothers and Priests in communities and thanked them for their commitment and perseverance. He described them as a symbol of the presence of those who are called to serving God in their midst.

"Today, Sr Kgomotso has been called and has responded to an invitation," he said.

"In one way or the other we sense that our call comes from

God, both outside and within us."

He mentioned that it is of importance for one to assess their capabilities and gifts, attractions to that life and the limitations they would fear. Some people pursue a call for wrong reasons hence one needs to examine their motives.

"True religious life is about falling in love with Christ, developing a zeal to spread the word of God and committing to His mission." Speaking about the profession of final vows as the culmination of preparation and discernment that leads to a perpetual commitment to religious life he said: "Taking vows of celibacy, poverty and obedience is a life-shaping event and a fundamental life option. It requires renunciation of certain options one makes in life."

Archbishop Tlhagale raised a concern of the decline in marriages within the Church attributing it to the fear of commitment, risk and disappointment.



Winston Mojaafi (father), Sr Kgomotso Therese Mojaafi CSA, Mandisa Mojaafi (mother) with Archbishop Emeritus Buti.

The Archbishop then blessed the ring which is a symbol of final consecration marking her as the bride of Christ and urging her to keep unstained her fidelity to her bridegroom so that one day she may be admitted to the wedding feast of eternal life. All the religious and clergy congratulated Sr Kgomotso with a kiss of peace. In an expression of appreciation, the professed Sister described the day as overwhelming, "God has been good, I am grateful to everyone who came to witness this day. Please continue to pray for me to remain firm to my commitment to Christ and serve His people."

Lebo Lentsoane

The Archdiocese joins millions in praying for Pope Francis's health and well-being



Cardinal Stephen Brislin leads prayers for Pope Francis' health and wellbeing.

the Gospel (Luke 6: 39 - 45) of the day. "We hear that the words we use, what we say gives an indication of who we are as people; an indication of what we have in our hearts," he said. "Thus, our words may well enlighten us as to whether the characteristics and the values

It was in March 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic led to a dramatic loss of human life worldwide, that Pope Francis, in the midst of pouring rain in St Peter's Square in the Vatican, prayed for the healing of the world. Five years later, it was now the world's turn to return the favour as he battles double pneumonia in Rome's Gemelli hospital.

As individuals and communities offered prayers, asking God to look favourably on his servant, Pope Francis, the faithful and clergy of the Archdiocese also gathered for morning Mass on Sunday, 2 March at the Cathedral to pray for the church's leader. In his sermon, Cardinal Brislin reflected on how words reveal our true selves, a theme he noted, was similar between the First Reading (1 Corinthians 15: 54 - 58) and

of God's kingdom reign in our hearts, or whether we are motivated by other values that are more selfish and self-centred.

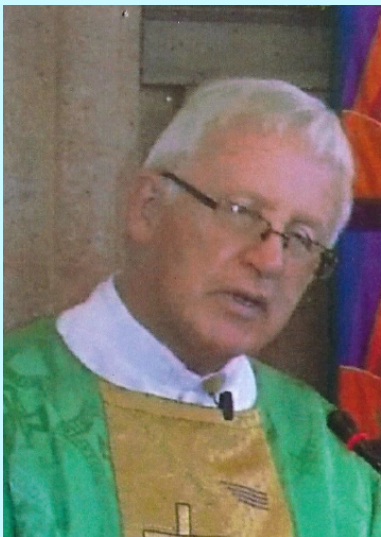
Today we have come to pray for Pope Francis because he is our leader, our shepherd. Yet, he does not only belong to us. He belongs to the world," he said.

For many people of different Christian denominations, people of other faiths and people of no faith at all, recognize in Pope Francis a remarkable and strong leader at a time when there is a vacuum of visionary and inspiring leaders.

Through his teachings and his actions, the Holy Father has inspired and encouraged thousands if not millions of people.

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Fr Ignatius Fidgeon OMI retires after many years of service to the Church



He made his first profession on 29 September 1958. He then went to Belmont College (House of Philosophy). He also attended Dublin University for three years.

He made Final Vows in 1961, then went to Piltown where he studied theology for four years.

He was ordained by the young Bishop Peter Birch, who was appointed to the Diocese of Ossory in Kilkenny in the mid-1960's at a time when church social services were practically non-existent in Ireland.

The following year, four Oblates (two for Natal and two for the Transvaal) arrived in South Africa.

His journey around South Africa is as follows: First Year spent at St Benedict's College

Assistant Priest - Germiston
Assistant Priest - Benoni
Assistant Priest - Yeoville
Assistant Priest - Maryvale
Assistant Priest - Rosebank
Parish Priest - Germiston 1975
Parish Priest - Roodepoort 1980
Parish Priest - Victory Park 1983
Also part of the Catholic Engaged Encounter for 25 years
Parish Priest - Krugersdorp 2011

We wish him a blessed retirement.

Dolores Gouveia
Secretary: Holy Rosary, Krugersdorp

Fr Ignatius Fidgeon OMI has now retired at the age of 86 years, after many years of serving in the pastoral vineyard of the Lord. He will be returning to the place of his birth, Ireland, in May.

Following is his life history. Ignatius Oliver Plunkett Fidgeon was born in Shercock on 18 July 1939, the sixth boy in a family of 11 children.

He attended Junior School in Shercock, County Cavan. When he was 13 years old he attended the Belcamp Oblate College in Dublin.

After he matriculated, he joined the Oblate Novitiate.

We celebrate with our priests

The following priests celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries of their ordination. Please remember them in your prayers!

Ordinations

01-03-14	Fr Francis Kajjubi	13-03-10	Fr Godfrey Kisabuli
01-03-14	Fr Aloysius Ssegwanyi	19-03-12	Fr Hubert Obaedo
02-03-69	Fr Patrick Noonan	20-03-55	Fr Miguel De Lemos
09-03-68	Fr Ennis Hyacinth	28-03-00	Fr Inigo Alvarez De Toledo

Birthdays in March

2 nd	Fr Nkosana Nhlapho	17 th	Fr Jose Pich-Aguilera
3 rd	Fr Nkosinathi Nkabinde	23 rd	Fr Efrem Tresoldi
	Fr Kgaogelo Ntsie	25 th	Fr Karabo Lephuting

Archbishop Emeritus Buti Tlhagale receives Danny and Domitilla Hyams Award

"These little ones with an empty, vague stare, due to their abnormality, their souls are more beautiful than bright sunshine, pure as the snow, shining like diamonds in the rays of the sun. They are angels, they are the most beautiful, they are our lightning conductors and we must protect them with veneration because these beautiful souls are our angels. God creator could have created them normal; there must be a reason that we cannot see and we accept this as a sign of His predilection."

Domitilla – Diary Extracts

In Catholic teaching, spouses are called to be instruments of God's grace, helping each other live a life of faith, holiness, and love, which are essential for achieving eternal life. This support can take numerous forms, including praying for one another, living out the vows of marriage, and supporting each other in their daily struggles and joys. The founders of Little Eden Society, Domitilla and Danny Hyams, have embodied this teaching to the extent that Archbishop Emeritus Buti Tlhagale OMI and the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference found them worthy candidates to be considered for sainthood. This proposition was accepted by the Vatican in 2019 and both founders are now referred to as 'Servants of God' – the first step in the canonization process. For his contribution and influence in the mission of Little Eden Society, Archbishop Emeritus Buti Tlhagale OMI was on Wednesday, 19 February honoured with the Danny and Domitilla Hyams Award. The ceremony took place in the presence of various stakeholders of the Society following the Eucharistic celebration led by the Archbishop Emeritus in the Our Lady of the Angels chapel at the Edenvale Home. He was assisted by Fr Jorge Guerra CS. "Today's gospel (Mark 8: 22 - 26) talks about the healing of the blind man. I hope that one day, you too, will receive a miracle here. I hope that is going to happen otherwise we will not be able to declare Domitilla and Danny Hyams saints," said Archbishop Tlhagale in his homily. He explained that for the canonisation to take place, it is imperative to publicise the work carried out at Little Eden.



Archbishop Emeritus Buti Tlhagale OMI receives the Danny and Domitilla Hyams award for his contributions to Little Eden Society. The award is presented by CEO, Ann Coetzee.

The work of Domitilla and Danny Hyams has to be known at least in our diocese and hopefully beyond, because it is through the prayers of asking people for their intervention that they will come to know of the grace they have received from God. "The miracle attributed to their intercession could be anywhere in the world, it does not necessarily have to take place here," the Archbishop clarified. The second thing expected by Rome is for those undertaking the work of preparing documents to present a report that speaks to the theological virtues of faith, charity and hope in their lives. Expounding on the virtues, he said:

1. Faith

We have to demonstrate to Rome that their faith in God, their faith as 'the hands of Christ', their faith, in this case, the intervention of Mary Mother of God, was lived out in everyday life. [Domitilla's repeated phrase was, "we are the hands of Christ". It was during an apparition of the Blessed Mother who entrusted a group of children to Domitilla which confirmed for her that she should care for children with intellectual disabilities]. Secondly, we need to show that Domitilla in particular had this strong belief in the inestimable, unsurpassable value of persons. She affirmed the value of every human being, especially those with deformed bodies.

2. Charity

Theirs was not passing interest to help those in need but a deeply-rooted commitment to be of benefit to others. Throughout the Old Testament, there always has been an emphasis on taking care of the poor. In the New Testament, the poor, of course, include those who are helpless to themselves.

3. Hope

The reason why Domitilla decided to take care of the needy, a special category of needy people, was because she believed in hope. She did what she did because of this hope that the merciful God will always come back for his children. Therefore, she looked forward to the resurrection that says our bodies, deformed as they are, will be transformed into glorious bodies.

Prayers for the Society and for Archbishop Tlhagale

Archbishop Tlhagale prayed for the parents who do not always know that to do with their own children who are not blessed with a normal life. He also prayed for communities to be accepting of people who are different from them. Also included in the general intercessions were the needs of Little Eden, the benefactors, the success of the Cause and the blessing and protection of Archbishop Tlhagale.

Presentation of the award

In her remarks during the presentation of the award, Chief Executive Officer, Ann Coetzee acknowledged Archbishop Tlhagale's enduring dedication to the values the society holds

dear: respect, sanctity of life, love and care.

"From the onset, Archbishop Tlhagale has been a beacon of support to Little Eden, which is dedicated to caring for individuals with intellectual disabilities. He has consistently advocated for the rights and dignity of those served by Little Eden and has helped raise awareness about the crucial role this organisation plays in society" she stated. She highlighted some of the activities in which he has enhanced the care offered at Little Eden which enable the organization to expand its outreach and further serve those in need, most significantly, bringing the Sisters of the Imitation of Christ from India to South Africa.

Ann recounted how he has been instrumental in advancing the Cause of Beatification and Canonisation of Danny and Domitilla Hyams.

"His involvement is an essential part of honouring the legacy of these two extraordinary people who have dedicated their lives to God's service through Little Eden. His leadership ensures the mission of the Hyams and their extraordinary witness of faith is perpetuated in the life of the Church," she acknowledged.

Archbishop Tlhagale's speech

In his acceptance speech, Archbishop Tlhagale admitted that when he was informed of this honour he was tempted to say "no". "These are the kind of things that should be offered posthumously. And I am not very far from that date so I wouldn't mind waiting another five or six years. I thank you and I would hope that this would have the effect of us trying to do more and bringing in more people to assist us in promoting the Cause," he reitiated, "so that we go forward with the confidence that at least as far as it is humanly possible, that we do what we should do on this side and leave the rest to God. "So, we still have to do that much more work and hopefully it will happen, not necessarily in my lifetime but hopefully in yours, most of you. That is what we pray for. I thank you most heartily for this recognition that is undeserved. I am greatly humbled and overwhelmed. Thank you very much."

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This, he achieved, by embodying what a Pope is meant to be – a bridge. A bridge that unites people, reconciles them, is able to traverse differences in order to find common ground for the sake of humanity.

"In the real sense the world is entrusted to his care and not only the Catholic Church," the Cardinal observed. He invited the faithful to ponder some of the words of Pope Francis that, as the readings suggested, flow out what fills his heart.

From what the Cardinal shared, Pope Francis' pontificate has, among other things, placed an emphasis on the compassion and mercy of God towards humankind, encouraged discipleship with Jesus always at the centre of our hearts and our lives, advocated for people on the margins of society, especially migrants and refugees, urged civic and church leaders to be at the service of people rather than the other way round, cautioned against the abuse of our common home and warned of the disaster and devastation that awaits the world if our behavior does not change. He has even from his sickbed, striven for peace to reconcile warring nations and people. "What do these words and teachings tell you about what he has in his heart, in his inner being? What do his words and teachings tell you about what you have in your heart," the prelate asked. He said there is a continuity in Pope Francis's teachings with what previous popes, pastors and theologians. What is different is the message in which he has said it and lived it. "Pope Francis has given hope to the world and we too are pilgrims of hope."

With trust in God who is Father of all, he commended the Pope to him and prayed that he will be given strength and courage in his suffering.

He also entrusted him to Mother Mary, to "watch over him and intercede for him with her tenderly motherly love that he may have solace and consolation".

In an Angelus address of the very same day prepared by the Holy Father and disseminated by the Holy See Press Office while he continued to his treatment, the Pope expressed his deep appreciation for the prayers of the faithful across the world. "I feel your affection and closeness at this particular time, I feel as if I am 'carried' and supported by all God's people. Thank you all!" True to form, even from his hospital bed he thought about those who are suffering and persecuted as he urged prayers for peace. "From here, war appears even more absurd, he shared, calling in particular for prayers for "tormented Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sudan and Kivu (DRC)", countries which incidentally Cardinal Brislin also prayed for during the general intercessions.

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