

# SACBC Archdiocese of Cape Town Tackles the Crisis of Water and Ecological Crisis Holistically.

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Archdiocese of Cape Town  
in collaboration with  
the Jesuit Institute  
**Present a Workshop**



**Date:** Saturday, 2 June 2018  
**Time:** 08.30 – 15.00  
**Venue:** St Anthony's Catholic Church,  
N'dabeni Street, Langa, 7455  
**Presented by:** Fr Russell Pollitt SJ and Dr Martin van Nierop  
**Price:** R150.00 *(includes tea, lunch and a copy of the workbook)*

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The Catholic Church in the whole world has been active in addressing the problems of environmental crisis. The apex of this initiative has been officially adopted by the Catholic Church around the globe when Pope Francis, on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015, published the Encyclical of Laudato Si, inviting all to work together to respect and restore the dignity of our common home.

Since the dawn of this new encyclical of Laudato Si, different institutions, groups of people and some individuals have been working hard to make sure that the message of taking care of creation spreads across the whole world and it is understood by all. Until today different initiatives are being practically carried out to make sure that the environmental crisis faced by the world today is alleviated.

As part of this initiative, the Catholic Church in the SACBC Archdiocese of Cape Town has embarked in a special initiative of combating holistically the factors perpetuating the crisis of environment; therefore causing the terrible crisis of water in the Western Cape.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018 the Catholic Archdiocese of Cape Town, under the leadership of Archbishop Stephen Brislin, has organised a workshop for the Catholic Community of the archdiocese to help in the process of addressing the crisis of water in the area, and fight against the factors of environmental hazards.

In his letter he wrote to the clergy of the archdiocese, Archbishop Brislin has a broader view of addressing the crisis of water in the Western Cape. He does not see the imposition of water restrictions or providing alternatives means of acquiring water from other places as the only solution to the crisis of water, instead he wants to see the crisis being addressed holistically. Archbishop Brislin said, “Day Zero has been pushed back... However, now that we have won ourselves some breathing space, it would seem like a good time to look at the much larger environmental picture and examine the roots of the ecological crisis we face.”

The organised workshop is meant to involve and empower the Catholic Community of Cape Town to continue working tirelessly to combat factors causing the environmental crisis. According to Archbishop Brislin the workshop is also meant to, “Carry forward further reflection and practical action on Laudato Si in the parishes.”

The workshop will be conducted by Jesuits Institute at St Anthony Catholic Church, N’dabeni, Langa from 08am – 3pm. The representatives from different parishes of the archdiocese will be part of the workshop.

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