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Statement on Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu

The Anglican Diocese of Johannesburg was one of the first of which Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu was Bishop. In this Diocese, we therefore carry many fond memories of his rich ministry since he was also Dean of St Mary's Cathedral. In both these influential positions, he played an enormous role in working both within his own denomination and ecumenically to instill a spirit of spirituality as he exercised his prophetic ministry.

With millions around the world, the Diocese expresses its immense grief and sadness at Archbishop Emeritus Tutu's death. It was my privilege this afternoon to make a special pilgrimage to Archbishop Tutu's home in Soweto where he was remembered in prayer and song.

A memorial service will be organised in the Diocese – probably in Johannesburg – details of which will be announced in due course.

Yours full of Grace

The Right Revd Dr Steve Moreo **Bishop of Johannesburg**