

## **MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF JOHANNESBURG**

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DEAN AND THE RECTOR OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN JOHANNESBURG**

The Rt. Revd. Dr Steve Moreo, the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, is delighted to announce the appointment of Father Xolani Dlwati as the incoming Dean of Johannesburg and Rector of the Cathedral of St Mary the Virgin effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

The Cathedral as a mother church of the Anglican Diocese of Johannesburg plays a critical role as a point of unity for all faith communities and all people within Johannesburg and the surrounding areas. It has a responsibility to bring unity and promote social reconciliation within the broader Johannesburg community.

In his announcement, Bishop Steve Moreo expressed his confidence that Father Xolani Dlwati will be able to fulfill this critical Ministry in Johannesburg. Father Xolani has been a Rector of St Monnecas Church in Midrand since 2007 and has contributed to the holistic growth of this diverse and cross cultural faith community. Not only did he focus on growing the ministry of the church but also creating strategic partnerships with various sectors of society around Midrand including the Pan African Parliament which is hosted in Midrand, the Midrand Police, Midrand Ministers' forum and various civil society bodies. Father Xolani has also served in various leadership structures within the Church, which include being an Archdeacon, being a Director of ST.I.L.I.M and a coordinator of children and youth provincial vision component team.

Father Xolani has been married to Mathabo for seventeen years and they are blessed with two children, Vuyolwethu and Lubabalo.

Father Xolani completed his Diploma in Theology in 2002 at the College of Transfiguration in Grahamstown and then completed a Bachelor of Theology Honours and Masters in Theology from the University of South Africa. His Master's thesis is entitled "The Church as the Social Conscience in its Quest for Human Dignity" and focuses on the role played by the Anglican Church in Southern Africa to address social ills and restore human dignity.

Bishop Steve confirms that Father Xolani's Ministry at the Cathedral will focus on growing the Johannesburg community spiritually and creating lasting partnerships to enhance social cohesion.

Bishop Steve welcomes Father Xolani and his wife Mathabo and the children to this new and exciting ministerial journey towards uniting Johannesburg.

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On behalf of the Diocese of Johannesburg

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