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Twin Cities church divest

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_ Archbishop John Roach said the action was taken on the recommendation of three advisory groups of the church in opposition to South Africa's apartheid system of racial segregation.

. He said the action constitutes no judgment against the companies working there. But he said apartheid is a moral evil of such proportion that any efforts to eradi-

" cate it must be chanced.

The archbishop said the divestment will take place over an 18-month period to assure responsible fiscal stewardship.

Last November, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops voted to divest its endowment portfolio. It recommended similar

" action in all dioceses. 7

The national conference acted in

response to the Roman Catholic

bishops of South Africa, who said such economic measures were needed to begin to address the serious

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ramifications of apartheid which directly assault human dignity and deny civil and economic rights. Apartheid is a matrix of social, political and economic discrimination that is established by constitu-

-tional law and enforced through measures such as segregated home-

lands, denial of citizenship, work restrictions, banishment, censorship, detention, torture and suspension of civil rights, the St. Paul

archdiocese said.

Meanwhile, Bishop Herbert W. . Childstrom, head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, told a U.S. Senate subcommittee recently that "virtually all other peaceful means of persuading the stubborn South African government to change have been tried, except 'comprehensive sanctions.'"

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of yesmdaz' -'sbornbblai'202(?hofgmph:FrankBlock).
On the right, a family photo of Mrs Barbara-Ann

Bilyard of Florida Lake. She was killed in the blast.

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â\200\234There were bodies all
over the place; limbs lying
severed on the ground,â\200\235
was how one witness, who
narrowly missed being in-
jured by yesterdayâ\200\231s Roo-

' depoort bomb blast, de-

scribed the carnage.

A shocked Mr Rob Arm-
strong, who was inside the
Standard Bank branch
when the bomb went off, '
said he saw a woman
whose legs had been blown
off by the blast. â\200\234There
was blood all over.â\200\235

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SATURDAY STAR

Mr Armstrong says his
life was almost certainly
saved by the bankâ\200\231s shat-
terproof glass. '

â\200\234I was standing at the
counter when I heard this
big explosion outside the
bank. The teller fainted on
the spot and another lady
started screaming. There
was a tremendous shock-

explosion in South Africa for twelve

wave and it was almost as
if the building was sway-
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being treated. One man was operated on. '

One of the injured women, Mrs Nanda
The Saturday Star. m?â\200\224â\200\224â\200\234 â\200\230
_ Mrs Brits, of Witpoort-
jie, who is a teller at the
Standard Bank, was re-
turning to the bank after
her lunch break when the |
bomb exploded only about
four metres from her.

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Clothing shop manager-
" ess Mrs Rachel da Silva
was the first person on the
scene after the blast. She
heard the explosion from
| her shop, grabbed a first
aid kit, ran across t
road to the scene.

â\200\234I tried to help as much
as I could until the police
and ambulance arrived. I
canâ\200\231t described the car-
nage. It was horrible,â\200\235 Mrs

ker from the Sanlam office
further down the road, said
the blast was so strong it
blew the pictures off his
office wall.

Mr Tony de Silva said
when he heard about the
blast he rushed from his
Johannesburg job to find
his wife who was working
in the area.

â\200\234She phoned to tell me -

that the blast had over-
turned her car,â\200\235 he said.

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da Silva said, before burst-
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Mr Hennie Coetzee, Who
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liance, and will never be accepted
by the people of South Africa.

â\200\234Like any other terrorist organisa-
tion, the alliance has attempted to
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cheap promises and sweet words,â\200\235
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(54) of Dobsonville; Mr William Mo-
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Grobelaar (46), address unknown.

She received shrapnel
wounds in her neck, leg .
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The other patients being -
treated at Discoverers
Hospital were too shocked
to speak about their ex-
perience. :

Commenting on the
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said: "Every attack on the
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