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IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
Gauteng Local Division, Johannesburg

CASE NO: 2025-217579

In the matter between:

**ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF THE
HIGHVELD, THE ANGLICAN DIOCESAN
BISHOP OF THE HIGHVELD**

Plaintiff / Applicant / Appellant

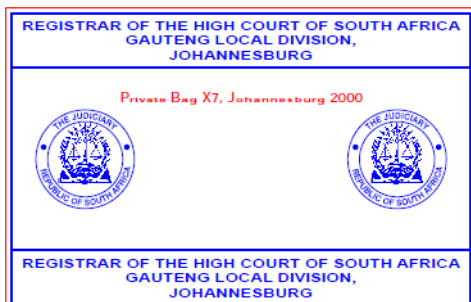
and

**SANELE NHLAPHO ,NERIA MADIKANE
,MPHO PHAKOE THIBEDI ,VUYISILE
SONTI ,ARMSTRONG KWAKWARI
,NTSHUKUMO ZANTSI ,EDWARD
SITHOLE ,SHADRACK NGUBENI
,THEMBA SEYA ,POPPY VILAKAZI
,THABANG PHAKOE ,MLONDOLOZI
SIDU ,MANGALISO MDHLELA ,ALL
THOSE PERSONS ACTING IN CONCERT
WITH THE SAVEOURDIOCESE GROUP**

Defendant / Respondent

ORDER GRANTED BY VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN AJ 14 NOVEMBER 2025

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On 14 November 2025 before the honourable Madam Justice
NIEUWEHUIZEN AJ

In the *ex parte* application of:

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD **First Applicant**

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESAN BISHOP OF THE HIGHVELD **Second Applicant**

(The Right Reverend Charles Mthetheleli May)

And

REVEREND SANELE NHLAPHO **First Respondent**

NERIA MADIKANE **Second Respondent**

MPHO PHAKOE THIBEDI **Third Respondent**

REVEREND DR VUYISILE SONTI **Fourth Respondent**

REVEREND ARMSTRONG KWAKWARI **Fifth Respondent**



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REVEREND NTSHUKUMO ZANTSI

Sixth Respondent

REVEREND EDWARD SITHOLE

Seventh Respondent

SHADRACK NGUBENI

Eighth Respondent

REVEREND THEMBA SEYA

Ninth Respondent

POPPY VILAKAZI

Tenth Respondent

REVEREND THABANG PHAKOE

Eleventh Respondent

MLONDOLOZI SIDU

Twelfth Respondent

MANGALISO MDHLELA

Thirteenth Respondent



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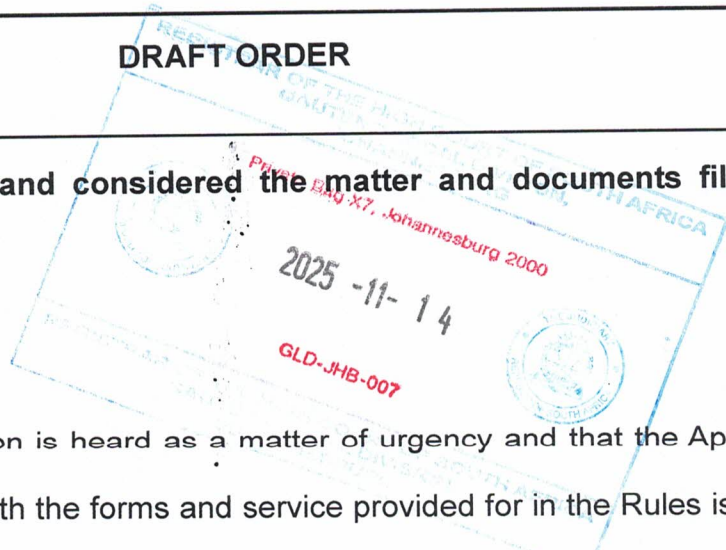
THE "SAVEOURDIOCESE" GROUP

Fourteenth Respondent

This Order is made an Order of Court by the Judge whose name is reflected hereon, duly stamped by the Registrar of the Court and is submitted electronically to the parties or their legal representatives by email. This Order is further uploaded to the electronic file of this matter on Caselines by the Judge and/or his/her Secretary. The date of this Order is deemed to be 14 November 2025.

DRAFT ORDER

Having heard counsel and considered the matter and documents filed, the following is ordered:



1. That this application is heard as a matter of urgency and that the Applicants' non-compliance with the forms and service provided for in the Rules is hereby condoned and the matter is dispensed with in terms of Rule 6 (12) (a).

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2. That a *Rule Nisi* is issued, calling upon the Respondents to show cause, if any, on **21 January 2026** at 10:00, why the following order should not be made final:

2.1 The Respondents, and all persons acting under their instruction or in concert with them, are hereby interdicted and restrained from:

i. Organising, participating in, or inciting any unlawful protest action, demonstration, or gathering at any church, parish, or diocesan property within the Diocese of the Highveld, and in particular

at **St. Vincent, Reiger Park**, on or before **15 November 2025** and **St Manche Masemola, Spruitview** on or before **16 November 2025**, or anytime or date thereafter.

ii. Disrupting, interfering with, or in any way obstructing the Confirmation Service scheduled to take place at **St. Vincent, Reiger Park, on Saturday, 15 November 2025** and **St Manche Masemola, Spruitview** on or before **16 November 2025**, or anytime or date thereafter.

iii. Disrupting, interfering with, or in any way obstructing the church services of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa within the Diocese of the Highveld.

iv. Intimidating, threatening, or harassing any clergy, lay ministers, or congregants of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa within the Diocese of the Highveld.



- v. That the Respondents pay the costs of this application, on the attorney client scale, jointly and severally.
3. That paragraphs 2(1)(i) to (v) above shall operate as an interim interdict with immediate effect, pending the finalisation of this application.
4. The South African Police Service (SAPS) be empowered to enforce paragraph 2 above and take all necessary steps to ensure that church services are not interrupted.
5. The applicants is granted leave to supplement their papers if the need arises prior to the return date.
6. The costs of this application is reserved for later determination.



By the Court

Registrar



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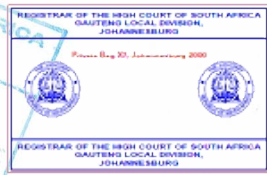
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