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Dear Cardinal, Archbishops and Bishops,

*Pastoral Letter on the RSA 2009 Elections*

Warm greetings from Khanya House.

Now that the election date for the South African elections has been set for 22 April, we are sending you the pastoral letter that you all agreed to at the August Plenary last year. We now leave it in your hands to ensure that it is distributed to all the Catholics in your diocese. We also include the translations into seven other languages for your use according to the needs of your diocese.

Furthermore, we offer you (also in eight languages) Reflection Questions to assist the discussion of the Pastoral Letter in small groups. We hope that their distribution will ensure a greater participation of all the members of our Church through all the sodalities, movements and service groups in our parishes in working for justice and peace and in realizing a free and fair election.

If you need any other support in ensuring the effective use of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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