

# Doctor of Laws, honoris causa June 15, 2000

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## Treasurer,

It is my pleasant duty to present to you, His Grace, the Most Reverend Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Cape Town, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize and recent Chair of the South African Government's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

As a leading citizen of South Africa, Archbishop Tutu is a major force in the establishment of democratic freedoms in a land once dominated by racial segregation and apartheid. He has championed the cause for truth and social justice as well as led the way for national reconciliation for crimes against humanity through the use and power of forgiveness. He has further advanced the cause for higher education and legal education to enable the firm establishment of democratic institutions in South Africa.

As the first South African to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, he has worked diligently and successfully with his fellow South Africans to bring peace to a country once torn by bloodshed and strife. His vision for a truly multi-racial, multicultural, multi-religious society is ever present in his personal life. He has applied himself with dedication and diligence to meeting the challenges of his office and I request, Treasurer, that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.