

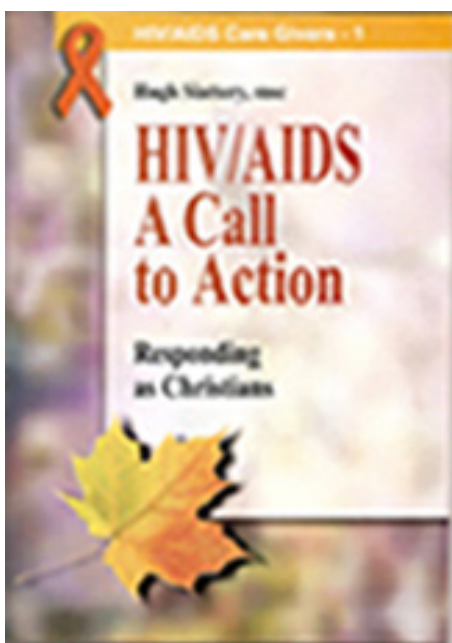
HIV / AIDS – A Call to Action

This book was written as a Christian response to the AIDS crisis by Bishop Hugh Slattery, msc and published by Paulines Publications in Nairobi in 2002. It was reprinted in 2003.

Bishop Slattery, who hails from Nenagh in Ireland, started by writing a Pastoral Letter for his diocese (Tzaneen, South Africa) and then, encouraged by the response from other Bishops and people, expanded it adding material for group reflection, prayers and liturgical resources.



Bishop Hugh Slattery



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The result of this work is well summarised in the Preface to the book by Cardinal Wilfrid Napier (Archbishop of Durban): “This Pastoral Letter is a most valuable instrument in the battle not only to contain the spread of HIV/ AIDS, but especially to ensure that the followers of Jesus reach out in love and compassion those who are suffering from AIDS.

Bishop Slattery’s approach will make it possible for many more Catholics to know the Church’s teaching and live it. In that way they will not only make a telling impact on the spread of HIV / AIDS, but also rebuild their marriages and family life on the values of the Gospel. May God give grace and strength to all who take up the challenge contained in this Pastoral Letter and embark on the rebuilding of our nation from within marriage and the family”.

The author’s wish is that this book may “help many people in our Church and in other Churches, as well as people of other religions and those with no religious affiliation acquire a better understanding of HIV / AIDS and how to cope with it”.

Some copies of the book are available from the MSC Mission Support Centre, P.O. Box 23, Western Road, Cork, Ireland at 10 Euro each, plus packing and postage of 2 Euro within Ireland and 3.50 Euro elsewhere.