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**Desmond Tutu to receive Cathedral's New Award for  
Advancement in Religious Understanding;  
Will Also Speak at the Cathedral on November 11 and 13**



**WASHINGTON, D.C.**— South Africa's anti-apartheid hero Archbishop Desmond Tutu will be the inaugural recipient of a Washington National Cathedral award acknowledging individual efforts in unifying people across the religious spectrum.

Officially named *The Cathedral Prize for Advancement in Religious Understanding*, the award will be given to Archbishop Tutu by Cathedral Dean Samuel T. Lloyd III at a gala centennial dinner on November 9, 2007.

“Archbishop Tutu’s concern for human dignity, his courage in promoting justice and equality, and his example of how a nation can embrace the biblical call to forgiveness, has won admiration worldwide. In these divided times, we need role models who demonstrate for us the necessity and value of reconciliation in every aspect of human life. His leadership of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission provides a rare example of Christian leadership in the civic realm,” said Dean Lloyd.

Tutu will also speak on Sunday, November 11, as part of the new Sunday Forum series, a weekly, public conversation with Cathedral Dean Sam Lloyd and prominent guests about major issues of our time as seen from a Christian perspective. All Sunday Forums are free, open to the public and take place at 10 am, prior to the 11:15 am service. For more information, please visit <http://www.cathedral.org/cathedral/centennial/forum.shtml>.

On Tuesday, November 13, will give a lecture entitled The Spirituality of Reconciliation at 7:30 pm. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit <http://www.cathedral.org/cathedral/register/tutulecture2007f.shtml>.

In 1984, Desmond Tutu was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Two years later, he was elected Archbishop of Cape Town and was the first black African to serve in this position which placed him at the head of the Anglican Church in South Africa. Archbishop Tutu is also a recipient of the Albert Schweitzer Prize for Humanitarianism and the Gandhi Peace Prize. He is committed to stopping global AIDS.

The prize was created as part of Washington National Cathedral's year-long centennial celebration which begins on the anniversary of the laying of its foundation stone, September 29, 2007. A high resolution of image Archbishop Tutu is available for use. For more information on the Cathedral Centennial, visit [www.nationalcathedral.org](http://www.nationalcathedral.org).

