



■ Mama Leah and Archbishop Desmond Tutu cut the cake as Elizabeth Petersen, the director of the South African Faith and Family Institute (SAFFI), looks on.



■ Mama Leah Tutu, her daughter Reverend Mpho Tutu, Elizabeth Petersen, the director of the South African Faith and Family Institute, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

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Tutus celebrate 57th anniversary with Ubuntu project

The 57th wedding anniversary of Archbishop Desmond and Leah Tutu marked the launch of "Ubuntu in the Home" together with the South African Faith and Family Institute (SAFFI) in Zonnebloem.

At the launch of the pilot project, hosted by Cape Town mayor Patricia de Lille, the director of

Saffi, Elizabeth Petersen, who lives in Strandfontein, acknowledged her parents: her late mother Marie and Daniel Hoorn for demonstrating love and respect towards each other and their nine children.

"Your life as a couple and how you raised your children demonstrated to me that poverty and

apartheid are no excuse for men to abuse their spouses.

"It is because of you and the extraordinary life and example of the Arch and Ma Leah that Saffi was established," said Ms Petersen.

Chief executive officer of the Archbishop Desmond and Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation, Rev-

erend Mpho Tutu, said that growing up in their home she experienced her parents' relationship as a true partnership.

The Western Cape Religious Leaders' Forum chairperson, Imam Dr Rashied Omar, congratulated the Arch and his wife on "reaching this wonderful milestone of 57 years of marriage which serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration to all married couples".

The project will train 20 religious leaders from different faiths on the complex dynamics of intimate partner abuse and domestic violence; and how they can intervene with victims, survivors, their families and the

perpetrator.

The UWC's Department of Religion and Theology and the Division of Lifelong Learning will assist with the accreditation.

Over and above the Ubuntu in the Home project, Saffi continues to offer workshops and other services to religious leaders, faith communities and other stakeholders who want to expand their understanding about the faith issues relating to gender-based violence.

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