



THE CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY LIAISON OFFICE

cordially invites you to participate in a roundtable discussion on

The Vulnerability of the girl child

Despite the protections provided by various pieces of government legislation the girl in South Africa today remains vulnerable and marginalized. Patriarchy continues to dominate gender power relations. This is frequently reinforced by traditional, cultural, religious and ideological beliefs. The number of young girls who are trafficked for profit, often with the collusion of their own families, is growing. Many young girls experience sexual abuse at home, at school and in the community. Furthermore, the traditional practice of 'ukuthwala' is becoming an increasingly significant issue in South Africa.

Speakers: **Marcel van der Watt** (Lecturer, Police Practice - UNISA)

Joy Watson (Independent Feminist Researcher)

Claudia Smit (Director - Anex)

Date: Wednesday, 23rd September 2015

Time: 09h00 for 09h30 – 13h00
Followed by lunch

Please indicate if you will be staying for lunch: **YES** **NO**

Please indicate any dietary requirements

Venue: The Townhouse Hotel
60 Corporation Street, Cape Town (*map attached*)
Parking is available in the Interpark Parkade, situated next to the hotel. Hotel parking is limited and is therefore subject to availability on the day of the event.

Please RSVP before **Friday, 18th September 2015**

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