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The Catholic church is the largest private provider for HIV/AIDS medical care in the world. They have several programs set in place to eradicate the disease, especially in South Africa. Church leaders like Bishops and Priests work with their communities to educate, treat, and prevent the spread. This poster will help introduce some important organizations and educate people about other Catholic programs in South Africa.

Many have argued that health care professionals should have more relevance in the fight against the disease instead of the church. However, the Church draws a wide range of supporters and followers who will be helpful in combating the disease. Also, a majority of South Africans are Catholic or affiliated with Christianity. Therefore, hope is an important aspect which the Church could bring to their lives. The church also passionately works with healthcare providers and organizations such as the CDC. By providing resources as well as hope, the church is able to connect with the community. Catholic social teaching is also an important part of treating people dealing with AIDS. Church members stress the importance of treating everyone with dignity and respect.