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**HEALTH** - Vatican Radio has learnt that the African Jesuit Aids Network (AJAN) is working on a book that will offer a comprehensive theology about AIDS from an African perspective. The book is set to be published next year in 2015 and will be titled, Current Christian perspectives on HIV and AIDS in Africa: theological reflection, public health crises and social transformation.

Although there is already so much literature written about HIV and AIDS in Africa, particularly important documents and pastoral letters from Catholic Bishops in Africa, this book will offer a comprehensive theology about HIV and AIDS through African eyes.

The book which will be a collection of various papers takes the approach that AIDS is an integral human development and social justice issue that calls for a holistic response. The theological response to the pandemic must be multi-faceted and rooted in the national and global reality.

The book is targeted at public health policy makers, professors, advocates, lecturers, graduate students in theology and related disciplines as well as Christian leaders and people living with HIV.

The African Jesuit Network was founded in the year 2002 by the Jesuit Superiors of Africa and Madagascar (JESAM). It coordinates efforts of the Jesuits in the fight against AIDS.

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