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Takbyeenkoms / Branch Event

Saterdag / Saturday
10 Augustus / August 2024
@ 13:00 vir / for 13:30

Kruger Galery / Kruger Gallery
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*My Life Changing Experience
in the Vatican Library*

Speaker
Neels Coertse

Cornelius Johannes Coertse About the speaker

Neels Coertse was born on April 13, 1950, in Roodepoort and completed his schooling at Roodepoort High School. He got married in 1973 in Middelburg, Transvaal to Annemarié Haycock. The couple has a son and two daughters and an eight-year-old pair of twins as grandchildren. After school, he studied law at RAU. He qualified and has been practicing as an attorney and notary since 1979. He practiced as an advocate at the Johannesburg Bar from 1990 to 1998. He has experience as an assessor in the High Court and has been acting as a judge since 2019. Neels is also a keen genealogist and a member of the GSSA.

In terms of the theme of his talk, Neels had the following to say:

"My wife and I were in Rome during April 2016 and visited the Vatican Library. It is not a public library and is exclusively used by the Pope. My interest was to, if possible, read the works of Flavius Josephus (35 AD – 100 AD, a severe period of slavery). I was not successful in this, but I did find 600-year-old summaries of his works, handwritten by six different priests/monks, to read. It was still a very special experience. I also have a great interest in furniture and furniture making – the Vatican is filled to the brim with the most beautiful furniture."

