

SMbulletin

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LAUDATO SI' WEB CONFERENCE

On Thursday 11 February an important web conference took place on possible scenarios of the implementation of the 7 year roll-out plan of *Laudato Si'* in the Marist world.

The key speaker was Fr Joshtrom Kureethadam SDB, Coordinator of the Sector of "Ecology and Creation" at the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.



In his impressive speech he emphasized the urgency of an ecological conversion, while the cry of the earth and of the poor have become even louder and more painful in recent years.

Frs John Larsen and Ben McKenna had invited members of all branches of the Marist Family to join, including representatives of the Marist Laity, and about 100 participants joined the meeting with enthusiasm and interest. From the SM were present all the members of the General Council, the members of the Marist Commission for Ecology, and other confreres with a particular interest in the field of ecology.

The hope is that in the future this will become a field of close collaboration within the Marist Family.

A recording of the meeting will soon be made available.

ORDINATION IN BRAZIL



Fr Leandro Martins da Silva, from the State of Acre which borders Peru, first met the Marist Brothers who helped him join our Society. He was ordained on 7 February in the

Marist Parish of Nossa Senhora Aparecida in Vespasiano in the State of Minas Gerais by the Archbishop of Belo Horizonte. The celebration was attended by a limited group of guests and parishioners because of the Pandemic. These included Marist confreres in Brazil, Sisters and lay Marists. He will begin his ministry in the community at Palmas de Monte Alto in the State of Bahia.

PROVINCIAL ELECT IN THE USA

After having elected their new president, the confreres of the province of the United States of America have elected also their new Provincial! The Superior General has appointed Fr Joseph Hindelang as the provincial of the Marist province of the US, as from 1 July 2021. Fr Joseph, aged 70, is currently the principal at Notre Dame Preparatory School in Pontiac. Previously he has also been the Provincial of Boston.

