

August 20, 2010 - Brazil – Indigenous Salesian ordained to the priesthood



(ANS – Sao Gabriel da Cachoeira) – “May God’s will be done” (Acts 21:14). This was the motto of the ordination of Reginaldo Lima Cordeiro, an indigenous Salesian and a student of missiology at the Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome, who was ordained to the priesthood on August 15 at Sao Gabriel da Cachoeira, in the Amazon Region.

The ordination of Fr. Lima has been a historic and memorable event for the population of the district of Sao Gabriel da Cachoeira. Fr. Lima belongs to the Manaus Province of of Brazil, sometimes called the Salesian Missionary Province of Amazonia.

Fr. Lima Cordeiro is the first indigenous person of this area to be ordained to the priesthood. Bishop Edson Taschetto Damian of Rio Negro was the ordaining bishop. Fr. Lima comes from the Indian tribe of the Arapaso culture and speaks the Tukana language. His ordination has been a special moment of grace for the whole province, which witnesses a local Salesian become God’s minister, a sign that also reminds the indigenous people of Alto Rio Negro that God calls everyone for the mission among the various tribes that inhabit Amazonia.