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Greetings



Fr. Michael Czerny SJ, a former Secretary of SJES created Cardinal

*On 1st September 2019, at the end of the Angelus on St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis announced that **Fr. Michael Czerny SJ**, a former Secretary of Social Justice and Ecology (SJES) was among the 13 new Cardinals he was creating. We congratulate Fr. Michael Czerny and wish him our prayerful support. Fr. Michael had served the Society of Jesus and the Church internationally in various ways over the past decades, especially in the social field. He was one of those who volunteered to replace the Jesuit martyrs of El Salvador at the Society's University in San Salvador (UCA) in 1989. Between 1992 and 2002, he served as the Secretary of the Social Justice Secretariat at the General Curia. From Rome, he went to Africa to create the African Jesuit AIDS Network (AJAN), and later became a member of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, before moving to his present position as the Undersecretary of the Section of Migrants and Refugees in the Dicastery for Integral Human Development. Pope Francis appointed him special Secretary for the Synod on Amazon to be held in October.*

Dear Michael, we are deeply proud of you and your commitment to serve the poor in the Church. We wish you abundant graces from the Lord!

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