

## Dehon's Day 2022 in Pietermaritzburg

The birth of our Founder is always an opportunity for the SCJs to reflect on their identity and their *raison être*. This year in the Dehon International Formation House in Pietermaritzburg the celebration took place earlier, on the 12th March. The event was graced by the presence of the South African Provincial Superior, Fr Chris and our SCJ Confrere Fr Charles Brown from the US Province.



As a custom of the house, the birth of Fr Dehon sees the ministerial birth to some of those preparing for Christ's priesthood. Therefore six (6) Confreres: Gabriel, Ananias, Andreas, Flavien, Butica and Hilarion, were installed as Lectors so as to proclaim the Word of the Lord while eight (8) Confreres: Heritiana, Joannis, John, Francois, Nelio, Chaka, Justin and Bernard, were installed as Acolytes to serve at the altar of the Lord. Among those installed, three (3) were from the South African Province. Br Andreas Keta was installed as a Lector while Br Chaka Molapo and Br John Tembo were installed as Acolytes.



New Lectors from the left:

Br Socre Gabriel Tito (Mozambique Province), Br Ambrozio Ananias Fidelix (Mozambique Province),  
Br Andreas (South African Province), Fr Chris Grzelak (Provincial of the RSA Province),  
Br Tsara Roalahy Flavien (Madagascar Region), Br Butica Agostinho Longuia (Angola District)  
and Br Reberahalaly Hilarion Jean De Roi (Madagascar Region)



New Acolytes from the left:

Br. Rakotondrazaka Heritiana Remi (Madagascar Region), Br Joannis Adelino Antonio Horacio (Mozambique Province),  
Br John Tembo (South African Province), Br Rakotoarijoana Francois Zelfah (Madagascar Region),  
Fr. Chris Grzelak (Provincial of the RSA Province), Br Nelio Lucas Rapoio (Mozambique Province),  
Br Chaka Joseph Molapo (South African Province), Br Justin Likolomela Ilokowale (Congo, DR Province)  
and Br Bernard Salumu Moke (Congo, DR Province)

The festivity went on in a wonderful celebration with the South African customary braai with songs of joy and jubilation. It was a wonderful ceremony which is always the hope of the Congregation where young men give themselves to God through ministerial service to God's People which prepares them for the sacramental priesthood.

We pray for these 'pilgrims of hope' to serve the Lord with all their hearts and with joy imbued by the love of He who has called them. May the spirit of our founder, Fr Leo Dehon guide and inspire them.