

On Saturday, March 21, 2015, the bishop of Rancagua, Chile, Most Rev. Alejandro Goic, ordained two Assumptionists brothers, Jorge Rojas and Alejandro Godoy, to the diaconate in the basilica of Our Lady of Lourdes in Santiago. Many fellow religious and a large crowd of lay friends and parishioners attended the ceremony to pray for these young men and show their support.

Br. Manuel Alejandro Godoy Vásquez, born on April 28, 1980, in the city of Santiago itself, is the son of Manuel Fernando and Ana Magdalena. Alejandro has one brother, Pedro, and two sisters, Ana María and Claudia. Alejandro began his Assumptionist formation as a candidate in 2006 in the Chilean capital, completed his novitiate in 2009-2010, and started theology studies in 2010 at the Universidad Católica de Chile. He was then asked to join the Assumptionist mission in Riobamba, Ecuador, the community of Nuestra Señora del Chimborazo, where he has worked ever since in two Assumptionist parishes, especially involved in youth and vocation ministry. He recently completed his theological studies at the Franciscan seminary in Quito.



Assumptionist youth group in Riobamba, Ecuador



Br. Jorge Eduardo Rojas Garcés, was also born in Santiago, on August 9, 1979. He is the son of Jorge Rojas and Hilda Garces and is the eldest of four children; there are also Felipe, Vicente and María Olga. Having come to know the Assumptionists through the youth group of the Lourdes basilica, Jorge entered the formation program and completed his novitiate and theology in Santiago. He is currently stationed at the Assumptionist parish in Rengo, Santa Ana, just south of Santiago, where he teaches religion in two high schools and is responsible for youth ministry at the local and diocesan levels. Jorge recently completed a master's degree in secondary education and looks forward to getting involved in one of the four Assumptionist high schools in the Andean Province which includes Argentina, Chile, Colombia, and Ecuador.