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## **Bishop Erwin Kräutler to receive honorary doctorate**

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Vorarlberg native Bishop Erwin Kräutler is to receive an honorary doctorate for his work in Brazil.

Kräutler has been active in Brazil since 1961 and bishop of Xingu Diocese since 1981. The diocese has 400,000 residents in an area of 350,000 square kilometres - more than four times the size of Austria.

Salzburg University said today (Mon) it would honour Kräutler, who turned 70 this past summer, on Wednesday in the presence of President Heinz Fischer, Salzburg Social Democratic (SPÖ) Governor Gabi Burgstaller and University Rector Heinrich Schmidinger, for his efforts to protect marginalised Indians, small farmers, agricultural labourers and the environment from big agro-industrial firms. Kräutler, who has received death threats because of his work, has been under police protection for the last three years.

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