

Vice-President of CEAMA (Ecclesial Assembly of the Amazon)

[Sr. Laura Vicuna Manso](#) from Brazil visited New York City for UN Meetings and met with many of us April 17 - 22, 2024. Since that gathering, we have formed a US Solidarity Circle supporting Sr. Laura & CEAMA.



Who is Sr. Laura?

- Sr. Laura is the vice president of the Episcopal Conference of the Amazon (CEAMA) – the Catholic Church’s leadership body of the 9 countries with Amazon rainforest that was created out of the Pan Amazon Synod in 2019.
- America’s Jesuitical [Podcast interview with Sr. Laura](#) - November 15, 2024
- [Green Saints for a Green Generation](#) includes a chapter about Sr. Laura’s work. Proceeds from the book sales will support Sr. Laura’s human rights work and CEAMA.
- [A Brazilian Catholic nun advocates for women and the environment -- and risks her life to protect the planet.](#)
- The situation for the community has grown more dire with [recent political developments](#) in Brazil.
- [Pilar Timpane’s Documentary film](#) follows Catholic women including Sr. Laura.
- Sr. Laura’s June 1, 2023 [meeting with Pope Francis here](#).
- Sr. Laura was an incredibly generous host to me when I visited her in Brazil this past June. [Felipe reflections from being hosted by Sr. Laura](#) in June 2023.
- NCR - [Sisters model women’s diaconal ministry in the Amazon](#) by Ellie Hidalgo
- PUAM - <https://puamazonico.org/en/>



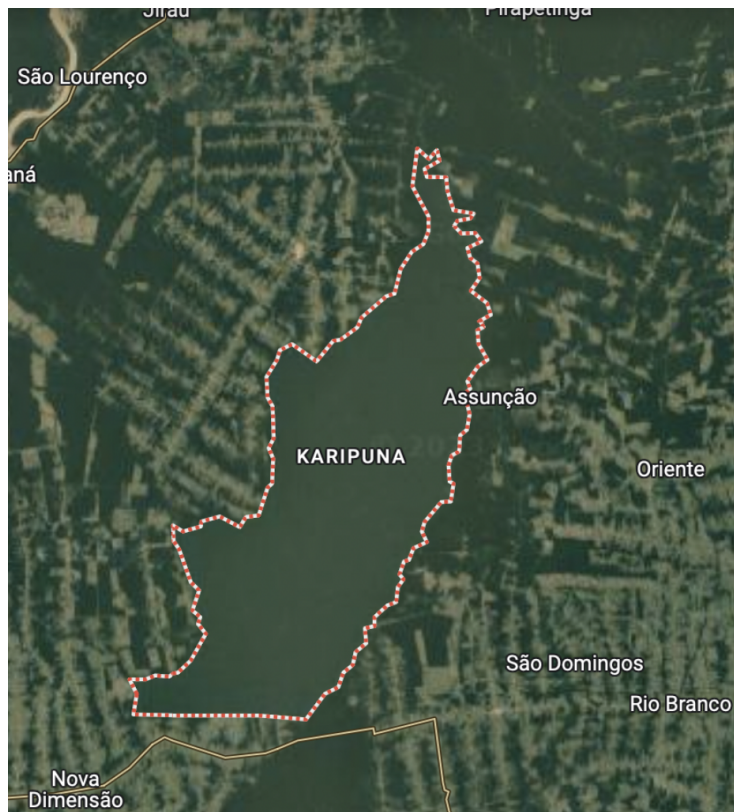
Who’s organizing this?

- The “Sr. Laura Solidarity Circle” (Amazon Indigenous <> US Catholics) was instigated by [Discerning Deacons](#), [Francesco Collaborative](#), [Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement](#), Jesuits USA East, and has been joined and sustained by a growing group Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood NY Congregation, Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, [Christian Life Community](#), WaterSpirit, Boston Common Asset Management, MGR Foundation, Global Impact Investing Network, Porticus, and others.
- Our aim is to collaborate with others to host encounters & gatherings for people to hear Sr. Laura’s story directly and from the Karipuna indigenous about the denouncement

they are making at the United Nations and in Brasilia about the disconnect between what Brazil says they are doing and the reality of what's happening in the Amazon rainforest.

Who are the Karipuna?

- [Documentary \(12 min\) about the Karipuna](#) Indigenous people Sr. Laura has been accompanying for the past 8 years.
- When we recognize indigenous communities, legally, with rights, they are much more able to protect their land.
- As this satellite image shows, when they are given land recognition, deforestation is dramatically reduced in their territories.



- The solid green from this satellite image of google maps – shows how everything around has been deforested. Sr. Laura and the Karipuna have recently experienced a dramatic increase in the invasions of loggers onto their land. The challenge is there is little recourse given the current situation in Brazil. That's why they're looking for help from the international community.

[Invitation to November 19, 2024 - Event](#)

“Voices from the Amazon” - A Catholic Call to Defend the Rainforest, Empower Indigenous and Women’s Leadership, and Take Action

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET
Webinar, Film Screening, followed by Small Group Discussions
[Recording & Follow-up Links](#) | [Sign-On Letter](#)