

Today's Martyrs – May 1972

Monday May 8, 1972



Burundi: Bujumbura

Simeon Rwabaye (aged 41, husband, disappeared, **presumed dead**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Burundi.htm

Monday May 15, 1972



Lithuania: Nemaniunai

Fr J Matulaitis (ordered to sign a document warning him that he was prohibited from allowing children to participate in religious rites or to assist at other parishes)

http://www.lkbkronika.lt/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=351&Itemid=236

Wednesday May 17, 1972



Burundi: Gitega

Fr Michel Kayoya (aged 37, **killed** by soldiers, forgave his killers)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Burundi.htm

https://openlibrary.org/works/OL1985805W/The_Catholic_martyrs_of_the_twentieth_century

Friday May 19, 1972



Lithuania: Jurbarkas

Fr Gustavas Gudanavicius (fined 50 rubles on [March 23, 1972](#) for allowing children to serve at the altar during Mass; **UPDATE**: fine upheld on appeal)

http://www.lkbkronika.lt/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=349&Itemid=234

Tuesday May 30, 1972



China

Watchman Nee aka Ni Tuoseng (aged 68, widower of Charity Chang, arrested on [April 10, 1952](#) in [Shanghai](#) on charges of bribery, tax evasion, and theft of state property and government economic information but in reality for refusing to join the official Three Self Help church; convicted on all charges on [June 21, 1956](#), sentenced to 15 years imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: **died in prison**)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Watchman_Nee



Israel: Lod Airport

Three Japanese Red Army terrorists kill 26 people – including 17 Christian pilgrims – and wound 80

Rev Angel Berganzo (U.S. citizen, **killed**)

Antonio Pacheco (U.S. citizen, **killed**)

Antonio Rodriguez Morales (U.S. citizen, **killed**)

Blanca Gonzalez de Perez (U.S. citizen, **killed**)

Carmela Cintron (U.S. citizen, **killed**)

Carmelo Calderon Molina (U.S. citizen, **killed**)

Carmen E Crespo (U.S. citizen, **killed**)

Carmen Guzman (U.S. citizen, **killed**)

Conсорcia Rodriguez (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Enrique Martinez Rivera (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Esther Gonzalez (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Eugenia Lopez (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Jose A Rodriguez (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Jose M Otero Adorno (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Juan Padilla (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Pablo Tirado Ayala (U.S. citizen, wounded)
Vasthy Zila Morales de Vega (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Vírgen Flores (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lod_Airport_massacre

May 1972, date unknown



Lithuania: Moletai

Fr Jonas Zubrus (accused of organizing a petition to the government, transferred by government order to a parish in Sivintos)

Lithuania: Ceikiniai

Ms Rakstelyte (elementary school student, forced to write a statement accusing the local priest of illegally giving religious instructions to children)

R Miklasevicius (elementary school student, forced to copy and sign a statement accusing the local priest of illegally giving religious instructions to children)

Z Maskoliunas (elementary school student, forced to copy and sign a statement accusing the local priest of illegally giving religious instructions to children)

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