

## Today's Martyrs – January 1980

Monday January 14, 1980



### El Salvador: Zacatecoluca

Fr Sante Spessotto OFM (aged 57, Italian national, **shot dead** at the altar just before Mass, his dying words were "Pardon, pardon")

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sante\\_Spessotto](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sante_Spessotto)

January 1980, date unknown



### China: Yulin

Fr Francis Tong Hui (aged 48, jailed in [March 1965](#); released)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Mgr-Francis-Tong-Hui,-emeritus-bishop-of-Yulin,-dies-38992.html>



### Ethiopia

Fr Berhaneyesus Demerew Souraphiel (aged 32, arrested by the Derg [the Communist junta]; **UPDATE**: released)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/ethiopias-cardinal-souraphiel-brings-african-family-values-to-the-college-of-cardinals-62148/>