

Today's Martyrs – July 1980

Monday July 7, 1980



Latvia: Riga

Fr Alfonsas Svarinskas (aged 55, brother of Vytautas Svarinskas and Janina Pupkiene, chased out of Riga airport by the KGB along with other friends of Nijole Sadunaite)

Nijole Sadunaite (aged 41, Lithuanian national, factory worker, sister of Jonas Aloyzas Sadunas; convicted of libel of the Soviet state and sentenced on [June 17, 1975](#) in [Vilnius, Lithuania](#) to three years' hard labor followed by three years' internal exile; released from the labor camp near [Potma, Mordovia](#) and sent into internal exile to [Boguchany, Krasnoyarsk Krai, Russia](#) on [August 27, 1977](#); **UPDATE:** flew into Riga airport at the end of her internal exile, seized by the KGB and taken to their headquarters in Vilnius, Lithuania so that she could not attend a welcoming ceremony organized by her friends)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL8415145M/A_Radiance_in_the_Gulag

Thursday July 10, 1980



Guatemala: Joyabaj, El Quiche

Fr Faustino Villanueva Villanueva MSC (aged 49, Spanish citizen, **assassinated**)

<http://newsaints.faiithweb.com/martyrs/Guatemala.htm>

Friday July 25, 1980



El Salvador: Platanares, Suchitoto, Cuscatlan

A seminarian visiting his family from Mexico is **killed by a death squad and National Guardsmen along with eleven friends – one unidentified - while building a chapel**

Amílcar (**killed**)

Consuelo Molina (**killed**)

David Hernandez (**killed**)

Gilberto Antonio Leon (**killed**)

Jose Alfonso Leon (**killed**)

Jose Angel Rivas (**killed**)

Jose Belarmino Reyes Leon (**killed**)

Jose Ohtmaro Caceres Arevalo (aged 28, seminarian, **killed**)

Lucio Eduardo Reyes Leon (**killed**)

Santos Adrian Reyes Leon (**killed**)

Víctor (**killed**)

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

<http://hermanojuancito.blogspot.co.uk/2012/07/young-martyrs-of-suchitoto-el-salvador.html>

Monday July 28, 1980



Congo, Democratic Republic aka Zaire: Mangembo, Bas-Congo

Sr Jeanne-Marie Demonceaux (aged 55, Belgian national, **killed**)

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

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