

Today's Martyrs – July 1981

Wednesday July 1, 1981



Guatemala: Quirigua, Los Amates, Izabel

Luis Obdulio Arroyo Navarro (aged 31, **killed**)

Fr Tullio Marcello Maruzzo OFM (aged 51, Italian citizen, **assassinated**)

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

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1981.htm>

Tuesday July 28, 1981



Guatemala: Santiago Atitlan

Fr Stanley Francis Rother (aged 46, U.S. citizen, **shot dead** in his rectory after resisting abduction, had previously been threatened with death, had written to family and friends in Oklahoma “The reality is that we are in danger. But we don’t know when or what form the government will use to further repress the Church...Given the situation, I am not ready to leave here just yet... But if it is my destiny that I should give my life here, then so be it...I don’t want to desert these people, and that is what will be said, even after all these years. There is still a lot of good that can be done under the circumstances...The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger. Pray for us that we may be a sign of the love of Christ for our people, that our presence among them will fortify them to endure these sufferings in preparation for the coming of the Kingdom”)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/this-priest-from-oklahoma-was-a-martyr-heres-his-powerful-story-22825/>

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

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