

## Today's Martyrs – December 1989

**Tuesday December 12, 1989**



### **United States – New York: Manhattan**

Cardinal John J. O'Connor (aged 69, Mass disrupted by more than 43 homosexual and pro-abortion demonstrators, told the worshippers "Never respond to hatred" and led them in prayer that drowned out the demonstrators, at least one consecrated host was desecrated, 4,500 more demonstrated outside the cathedral)

<http://www.nytimes.com/1989/12/11/nyregion/111-held-in-st-patrick-s-aids-protest.html?mcubz=1>

**Friday December 15, 1989**



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**Sunday December 17, 1989**



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