

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Report – 2018-11-11 through 2018-11-17



Bangladesh

Nikhil Khaka (Bangladesh Christian Association president, complained of sexual assaults against Christian women: "We want an exemplary punishment for [secondary school principal] Abdur Satar. We know that he has abused many girls in the past, but none have dared to report. Christians appear weak and can be easily persecuted")

Date: November 9, 2018

Location: Gulta Adibashi

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Bangladesh,-tribal-Catholics-molested-and-raped.-The-attackers-remain-unpunished-45450.html>



Canada

Cardinal Thomas Collins (**UPDATE:** said "The time for review of the federal euthanasia law is upon us, and there is great pressure to eliminate the so-called 'safeguards' which made it seem to be not so terrible. One such safeguard is that euthanasia is to be only for adults. Now we hear arguments made that the concept of 'adult' is to be made so elastic that even minors are to be eligible for euthanasia, even without the consent of their parents. The cold shadow of euthanasia is spreading further in our land")

Date: November 8, 2018

Location: Toronto

Source: <http://catholicerald.co.uk/news/2018/11/11/resist-the-cold-shadow-of-euthanasia-says-cardinal-collins/>



Egypt

Event UPDATE: Seven Christians were killed [six from the same family, including a 12-year old girl and a 15-year old boy] and 19 wounded in a terror attack on pilgrims

Mina Basem (aged 7, brother wounded, said "We visited the monastery and spent a wonderful time, but on our way back we were attacked by two cars who fired on us. I don't remember anything after that")

Safwat Shehata (cousin of the victims, said "The microbus driver tried to flee, but the bus was surrounded by the attackers. They killed the driver first, shooting him in the head. Then they stopped the bus completely and no one could get away. Three men and their children were killed. Only my female cousins and two children survived. Four families have been completely destroyed. Snatched away by death. [The attackers told the women] 'We will kill the men and children and leave you to live the rest of your lives in misery'")

Magda (teacher, said "Oh God, these children were students in my school! I can't imagine they are dead now!")

Mina (said "The micro-bus was from my church. The gunmen shot the men in their head and some of the injured are women. They had a nervous breakdown of what they have seen and they are in the hospital. Some women also were killed")

Kirolos (said "Who can accept these incidents? Every day, there are many incidents harming Christians. We must leave our land and get out of here. I'm so exhausted... it's so dull and dark these days")

Date: November 2, 2018

Location: on the road near St Samuel the Confessor monastery

Source: <https://www.christianpost.com/news/egypt-isis-bus-attack-coptic-survivors-recount-horrors-seeing-parents-children-killed-228471/>
and <https://www.persecution.org/2018/11/02/gunmen-replicate-2017-bus-attack-egyptian-christians/>



Nigeria

Event UPDATE: Four priests abducted on November 6, 2018 were rescued by police

Fr Victor Adigboluja

Fr Anthony Otegbola

Fr Joseph Ediae

Fr Emmanuel Obadjere

Date: November 9, 2018

Source: <https://punchng.com/kidnapped-four-catholic-priests-regain-freedom/>

and <http://www.fides.org/en/news/65068->

[AFRICA NIGERIA The four priests kidnapped in southern Nigeria have been released thanks to the police force](#)



United States - California

Isabella Chow (aged 20, business and music student, student government senator, abstained in a vote regarding a resolution condemning a Federal government proposal to recognize gender as only male and female and based on the gender identified at birth, wrote “As a Christian, I personally do believe that certain acts and lifestyles conflict with what is good, right and true. I believe that God created male and female at the beginning of time, and designed sex for marriage between one man and one woman. For me, to love another person does not mean that I silently concur when, at the bottom of my heart, I do not believe that your choices are right or the best for you as an individual”, over 1,000 students signed a petition for her recall, the student newspaper refused to print a letter from her that further explained her position)

Date reported: November 9, 2018

Location: University of California at Berkeley

Source: <https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/UC-Berkeley-campus-senator-abstains-from-a-vote-13378621.php?t=bd81bb94a4#photo-16472734>



Vietnam

Event: Church leaders protested the seizure of land that once hosted a school

Cardinal Peter Nguyen Van Nhon (**UPDATE**)

Auxiliary Bishop Laurent Chu Van Minh

Fr Alfonse Pham Hung

Date: November 5, 2018

Location: Hanoi

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Hanoi-authorities-start-construction-work-archdiocesan-land-45451.html>
and <https://www.ucanews.com/news/govt-construction-on-church-land-in-hanoi-meets-opposition/83834>

Event: Monks protested the seizure of monastery land for construction of an ancestor temple

Fr Louis Gonzaga Dang Hung Tan OSB (**UPDATE**)

Br John Nguyen Minh Sang OSB

Date reported: November 8, 2018

Location: Thien An, Thua Thien Hue province

Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/benedictines-resist-unwelcome-temple-construction-in-vietnam/83815>

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