

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*



## Bolivia

Fr Adam Bravo Mendoza (aged 78, stabbed in the abdomen during a robbery in [January 6, 2019](#) on [Trinidad](#), hospitalized)

Agustin Aguilera (charged on [August 28, 2013](#) in [Cochabamba](#) “They [the government] want to control the activities of the evangelical churches. Article 15 would force all religious organizations to carry out our activities within the parameters of the ‘horizon of good living,’ which is based on the Aymara worldview. This is an imposition of a cultural and spiritual worldview totally foreign to ours” - Aymara shamans now regularly convocate at government functions instead of Catholic clergy)

Prof Carmen Suarez (said on or before [March 16, 2018](#) that she is convinced the government "intends to eliminate the private education system in Bolivia, and aims especially at the Catholic one")

Helena Kmiec (Polish citizen, missionary, **stabbed to death** in [Cochabamba](#) on [January 25, 2017](#) in an attempted robbery)

Archbishop Jesus Juarez (signed a statement following two attacks in [Oruro](#) on [February 10 & 13, 2018](#) with explosive devices that killed 12 and injured at least 60, one attack was against a religious procession “We lift up our prayers for the victims and express our solidarity with relatives of those who have died in the two explosions...We call on the authorities to conduct a thorough and transparent investigation and to take measures to prevent these lamentable incidents”;

signed a letter addressed to parents of students in Catholic schools on [March 16, 2018](#) which claimed that government interference in the schools "cannot guarantee teaching, Christian education and integral quality education")

Cardinal Julio Terrazas (objected on [April 29, 2013](#) in [Santa Cruz](#) to the charges of President Morales that recent thefts of valuables from churches and shrines were perpetrated by some bishops)

Pastor Miguel Machaca Monroy (on [January 18, 2018](#) criticized a new anti-organized crime law that would ban evangelization, said “Will they denounce us if we bring a group of people to a Christian camp? Will I no longer be able to preach the Gospel on the streets?”)

Ruth Montano (in [Cochabamba](#) on [August 28, 2013](#) demanded the revocation of Law 351, which requires churches to register with the government and to adopt a standardized administrative structure)