

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*



## Burundi

Fr Adolphe Ntahondereye (abducted on the Concorde Bridge over the Ruzizi River on [April 9, 2017](#);

released on [April 26, 2017](#), hospitalized in ill health;

**died** on [May 11, 2017](#))

Sr Bernadetta Boggiani SX (aged 79, missionary, found the bodies of Sr Lucia Plici and Sr Olga Raschiatti, later found raped and **murdered** on [September 7, 2014](#) in [Kamenge](#) in the same position)

Sr Delia Guadagnini SX (eulogized the murdered nuns Sr Lucia Pulici, Sr Olga Raschiatti and Sr Bernadetta Boggiani on [September 9, 2014](#))

Archbishop Evariste Ngoyagoye (object of a [May 31, 2015](#) assassination attempt while in a religious procession in [Bujumbura](#), the assassination was prevented by his security team composed of young people of the church;

said "the priest [Fr Adolphe Ntahondereye], who had not left his hospital bed where he had been admitted after his release, died [on [May 11, 2017](#)] as a result of ill-treatment that had been inflicted on him";

resigned on [March 24, 2018](#))

Bishop Gervais Banshimiyubusa (appointed to succeed Archbishop Evariste Ngoyagoye on [March 24, 2018](#))

Sr Ines Frizza (reported on the murder of the Sr Lucia Plici, Sr Olga Raschiatti, and Sr Bernadetta Boggiani)

Sr Lucia Plici SX (aged 74, missionary, raped and **murdered** on [September 7, 2014](#) in [Kamenge](#))

Fr Mario Pulcini SX (found the bodies of Sr Lucia Plici and Sr Olga Raschiatti)

Sr Olga Raschiatti SX (aged 83, missionary, raped and **murdered** on [September 7, 2014](#) in [Kamenge](#))