Today’s Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Indonesia

Rev Abdi Saragih (church in Bogor, West Java closed by the government on March 21, 2017 after Islamic intimidation, said "We are struggling for our right to worship"; reported on April 7, 2017 to have said of Holy Week celebrations in Bogor, West Java "We have no other place to meet other than their closed building. We will hold the celebrations in the house even though there might be protests...It is not easy being a Christian. Carrying a cross is our task")

Rev Aben (pastor of Madele Pentecostal Church, thanked local residents for helping to put out an October 23, 2012 arson fire at the Poso, Central Sulawesi province church)

Rev Abraham Ben Moses (aged 52, arrested on blasphemy charges in Jakarta on December 8, 2017 after attempting to convert a taxi driver)

Pastor Abraham Boys (from Tangerang, forced to seek asylum after April 14 in the United States)

Adhi Nugroho Chandra (as of September 24, 2015 has still been prohibited from using his church building since 2008, his church had completed its 100th service in front of the presidential residence in Jakarta, West Java, said “I’m worshipping here in front of our presidential palace because the GKI Yasmin church in Bogor cannot worship on Sundays”)

Adrianus Meliala (professor of criminology, said at a November 18, 2017 meeting in Jakarta on countering Islamic extremism on college campuses "Extremism is a huge threat to this country, and it is more worrying if students as future leaders have a radical mindset. Catholic lecturers cannot remain silent but must make concerted efforts to clean universities of radical-minded people")

Fr Adrianus Sulistiyono (Mass in Surakarta, Central Java with 200 worshippers interrupted on September 6, 2016 by two Muslim extremists who were then removed by police, forced to stop Mass and leave the church after the extremists returned with a larger group)

Agnes Dwi Rusiyati (parish official in Gunung Kidul district, Yogyakarta province, said on August 11, 2016 that the Muslim extremists who had opposed the construction of an interfaith shrine to Mary the mother of Jesus have withdrawn their opposition after finding they had created divisions in the Muslim community)

Agung Dewabrata (said on July 3, 2013 that the permit process for the construction of St Stanislaus Kotska Church in Kranggan sub-district, Bekasi regency, West Java province has been underway since 2003 with final approval on December 17 2012, but now Muslim extremists are trying to stop construction)

Fr Agustinus Ulahayanan (criticized the government for closing an Ahmadiyya mosque in Sukabumi district, West Java province on July 26, 2016 "The closure of the mosque violates the Ahmadis’ right to worship [and] shows a crisis in the values of tolerance and plurality")
Albert Hasibuan (on May 2, 2012 welcomed the offer to reopen the church in Bogor in exchange for the mosque to be constructed next door)

Pastor Albert Yoku (on June 13, 2012 called on the government to end the violence in Indonesian Papua)

Fr Albertus S Pandiangan OFM Cap (aged 60, attacked on August 28, 2016 by a 17 year old jihadist just after proclaiming the Gospel during Mass in Medan, North Sumatra, the jihadist was slightly injured when his improvised explosive device failed to fully detonate, slightly injured on the left arm when the jihadist then used a knife and an axe, the attacker was restrained by parishioners and arrested)

Alex A Makawangkel (parish council chairman, church closed in Bogor, West Java closed by the government on March 21, 2017 after Islamic intimidation)

Fr Alexius Andang Binawan SJ (said in Jakarta on January 17, 2016 "We are shocked but life in the capital continues normally. As the government and public officials say, we have also told the faithful not to be overcome by the fear of terrorism. Terrorists want visibility and demonstrate the supposed weakness of the government. Indonesian people will respond in a united manner, with firmness and dignity, without fear")

Fr Alexius Kurdo Irianto (three parishioners killed in the May 13, 2018 suicide bombing in Surabaya, Java, said "Despite our profound sadness we forgive the perpetrators of crimes and pray for the guilty and organizers of these horrible acts: may the Lord enlighten their minds")

Alfaro Sinaga (aged 5, church in Samarinda, East Kalimantan attacked with Molotov cocktails by an ISIL sympathizer on November 13, 2016, hospitalized in serious condition; as of March 14, 2017 has undergone 17 operations, no longer cries after surgery, has become ashamed of his appearance)

Fr Alfons Pandiangan OFM Cap (has been sheltering refugees after at least 8,000 Christians fled Muslim attacks on October 13, 2015 over 'illegal' temporary churches in Aceh Singkil district, Aceh province; said on January 8, 2016 that religious freedom in the Aceh Singkil district, Aceh province seems to be difficult to enforce)

Aloysius Bayu (new convert, church security coordinator, stopped a suicide bomber from entering the church in Surabaya, Java on May 13, 2018, killed)

Fr Aloysius Budi Purnomo (issued a statement regarding the May 29, 2014 assault on Julius Felicianus "Bring the perpetrators to justice and protect the victims and their families")

Fr Aloysius Simbol Gaib Pratolo PR (pastor of St. John the Baptist church in Tulang Kuning, Waru village, Parung district, Bogor regency, West Java, plans to hold regular services at the church despite the closing of the church by authorities on or before August 7, 2012 for lack of permits; on August 14, 2012 protested the building permit process that allowed the village chief to force closure of St. John the Baptist Church and deny its use to six thousand parishioners)

Archbishop Aloysius Sudarso SCJ (condemned the March 8, 2018 vandalism of a newly consecrated chapel in Palembang "Last March 4 I had blessed the new chapel situated in a village in an isolated area, a three-hour journey from the parish. It was a celebration in an atmosphere of supreme cordiality, with the heartfelt participation of village leaders, civil authorities, Muslim religious leaders. The church was built following all the regulations and the necessary legal process. This act of gratuitous violence surprises us, but we believe
it is the work of few radical members who want to fuel, here and throughout Indonesia, religious hatred, intolerance and violence...The police are investigating. Acts of desecration like this are perceived as a shame for the whole society...we are saddened by this act but the solidarity received by many Muslims consoles us"

Fr Amandus Rahaded (officiated at the funeral Mass for Herman Mairimau and Yulianus Okoware, said of the military's investigation into the August 28, 2015 attack "The legal process must be transparent. Everyone must know about the ongoing legal process" and that previous investigations "faded away...so now people feel hopeless")

Andreas Yewangoe (Chairman of the Indonesian Communion of Churches, said there was deep frustration in the Christian community over the state’s failure to comply with a Supreme Court order to unseal a church and allow its congregation to worship in peace)

Archbishop Anicetus Bongsu Sinaga OFM Cap (said on March 13, 2018 that recent attacks have made Christians more vigilant, and that his cathedral in Medan, Sumatra has formed a 12 member security team)

Anita Sinaga (aged 4, church in Samarinda, East Kalimantan attacked with Molotov cocktails by an ISIL sympathizer on November 13, 2016, hospitalized in serious condition)

Rev Anna Nenoharan (aged 70, described on October 17, 2014 how her church in Bekasi now meets in a rented shop in a strip mall after years of persecution from the Islamic Defenders Front in which their church building was destroyed, said We feel really discriminated against by the government, and the local people. We want a special home for God. But we cannot do anything about it. We can only turn to the Lord")

Fr Antonius Benny Susetyo (protested government impediments to the construction of churches, called on the government to investigate the disappearance of 1,000 Catholic children who were given to the care of the Indonesian government during the war in East Timor; said on October 17, 2014 that the police and politicians fail to enforce the laws which allow Christians to build churches due to the need to win Muslim votes; said the attendance of the governor of Jakarta, West Java at Easter celebrations on April 1, 2018 "gives us hope that the commitment to preserve unity remains strong in society")

Bishop Antonius Subianto Bunjamin (signed a statement titled "Let the Peace of Christ Reign in your Hearts" regarding the current religious and political conflicts "At the moment we are worried. Our unity as an Indonesian nation is in danger of breaking. Restlessness and worry have been felt more and more in recent years. There are those who, vaguely or shamelessly, are tempted to follow different paths and ways of the Charter at the base of our nation, the Pancasila. This was seen in many acts and events: in an unhealthy political competition that justifies any means, in the restricted fanaticism that exploits religion and in many other ways")

Basuki Tjahaja Purnama aka Ahok (candidate for deputy governor as of August 27, 2012 in Jakarta, under attack by political opponents for his religion and Chinese ancestry; as of September 21, 2012 appears to have won the election; as of January 4, 2014 has called for the removal on religious belief from all identity cards; as of September 24, 2014 is again under attack by Islamists for his religion and Chinese ancestry because he will become governor of Jakarta now that the current governor has been elected president; became governor, reported on October 12, 2016 to have been accused of blasphemy in Jakarta after he stated that the Quran should not be used for political purposes, apologized,
forgiven by some Muslims;

object of a November 4, 2016 demonstration in Jakarta by 150,000 Muslims with banners reading "Arrest Asok for insulting Islam" and "Kill Asok";

named as a suspect in a police blasphemy investigation on November 16, 2016 despite the fact that a professor of communications has admitted to altering a recording of his original speech to incriminate him, prohibited from leaving the country, if convicted he could be sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment;

blasphemy trial begun in Jakarta on December 13, 2016, pled innocent, stated: “I had no intention of insulting Muslims or insulting the clergy. On that basis, I plead with the judges to consider my exception plea”, charge arose from his criticism of an interpretation of the Quran that would prohibit non-Muslims from any elected office with power over Muslims;

mosques have begun as of March 13, 2017 to deny Islamic funerals to his Muslim supporters;

apparently defeated in his re-election bid on April 19, 2017, will remain as governor until October 2017 or he is convicted of blasphemy, said "Let's forget all of the problems faced during the campaign because Jakarta is home for us all. We will work fast, work hard to fulfill our promises and hopefully Mr Anies and Mr Sandi can continue our work. To our supporters we understand you're disappointed but it's OK because God has decided. I also lost during the gubernatorial election in 2007 and I told my supporters then 'please be patient, this is God's plan' and what do you know? In 2014 I became Jakarta governor, so you never know";

sentenced in Jakarta on May 9, 2017 to 2 years' imprisonment on blasphemy charges despite the court ruling there was no evidence of guilt and the prosecutorial recommendation of a suspended sentence, detained, said he will appeal;

withdraw his appeal on May 23, 2017 after the prosecution filed its own appeal of the sentence, issued a statement asking his supporters to stop demonstrating for his release “I know this is not easy for you to accept this reality, let alone me, but I have learned to forgive and accept all this”, added that demonstrations would cause “great losses, in the form of traffic congestion and economic losses resulting from the rallies...It’s not right to hold rallies against each other over what I’m experiencing now. I’m concerned that many sides will exploit the rallies. There may be clashes with those who take issue with our struggle”;

appealed his conviction on February 2, 2018;

appeal denied by the Supreme Court in Jakarta on March 26, 2018

Rev Bernard (said on November 23, 2012 that two Islamic organizations are blocking building permits needed by his church in West Pasaman, West Sumatra, which has recently been threatened by a mob)

Berutu (spoke on or before November 10, 2016 of attempts to rebuild the demolished churches, including her own in Pertabas village, Aceh province ”The government is afraid of pressures from Muslim clerics and extremists. When they gave instructions to knock down our church, they were no longer our protectors”, added that Christians were under pressure to support Muslims in the election who had persecuted them “Vote wisely for your leaders – our fate for the next five years depends on it”)

Rev Betty Manurung (said of the April 12, 2016 whipping of Remita Sinaga in Central Aceh district "Our concern is that the law isn't in line with the national penal code. What we understood is that sharia law is only supposed to be for Muslims")
Fr Blasius S Yesse (spoke on January 8, 2016 on the Aceh Singkil district, Aceh provincial government efforts to tear down tents erected by churches following the government's demolition of their church buildings "This must not happen in Indonesia...Everyone has the right to worship anywhere. No one has the right to ban others to do so. The only hope is central government intervention. So local regulations don't go too far," he said. The state must be there to guarantee freedom of worship")

Bona Sigalingging (GKI Yasmin Church spokesman, denied on May 2, 2012 that the mayor had previously offered to allow the church in Bogor to reopen if a mosque is allowed to be built next door; spoke at a church celebration of the Feast of Pentecost on May 27, 2012 which was held in front of the presidential palace in Jakarta due to churches being closed: "the President [needs] to open his eyes and take action"; reported on September 14, 2012 that the Bogor government has ordered the church to move again; said on December 25, 2013 in Curug, West Bogor, West Java “Underground religious activities are actually a message for the government that in this democratic country, there is still the discriminatory practice of sealing religious places”; church celebrated Easter on April 20, 2014 in front of a government office building, expressed hope that the new mayor would allow their church building in Bogor, West Java to be reopened; said on October 17, 2014 that his church in Bogor, West Java now meets in the homes of parishioners after having lost its building; said on February 5, 2017 that his church has accepted a proposal that would allow the building to be re-opened after 9 years in exchange for the building of a mosque next door on church land, said "We are glad and support the initiative")

Bonar Tigor Naipospos (said on October 17, 2014 that the building requirement for neighbors' approvals must include Muslims, which are difficult to secure in the case of church construction; said of the attendance of the governor of Jakarta, West Java at April 1, 2018 Easter celebrations "We need such examples to educate the public, that differences of beliefs should not make us hate and demean each other")

Boru Manik (said on or before November 10, 2016 “I’m sad that we have to worship in tents in the middle of a palm-oil plantation [in Aceh province]. But we’re keeping our spirits high”)

Boy Pangemanan (parish council member in Pineleng, Sulawesi, said on May 30, 2017 regarding Christian fears that the success of the Philippine military offensive against Islamic militants will force the militants into their country: "Do not let these groups come and harm us. Terrorist are the enemy of all people from all religious backgrounds")

Cahyo Binuko (home in Gunung Kidul district, Yogyakarta province invaded by Muslims on July 13, 2016 who were opposed to his construction of an interfaith shrine to Mary the mother of Jesus on his property)

Fr Carolus OMI (Irish national, denied access to give last rites to Marco Archer Cardoso Moreira before his January 18, 2015 execution, prison officials apologized but said the court had prevented them from allowing access)

Pastor Chandra Juliari as of September 24, 2015 has still been prohibited from using his church building since 2008, his church had completed its 100th service in front of the presidential
residence in Jakarta, West Java, said "I think the problem remains because the president did not dare to take action. The leader should have the courage to take action and enforce the law. We can’t afford, as a nation, to let this problem remain if we want peace in Indonesia...We are often asked how long we will struggle. We have to carry on until we get justice. Yes, we are very tired and our hope at times starts to fade, but as believers, we won’t give up. Our struggle is not only for our needs, but also for others who deserve peace. So we will achieve our goal to build our beloved Indonesia to be a peaceful country”

Fr Charles Burrows (complained to prison officials about their denial of last rites to Marco Archer Cardoso Moreira before his January 18, 2015 execution)

Christopher Nugroho (general secretary of Catholic Youth, condemned an ISIL-linked attack that killed a policeman in Medan, North Sumatra on June 25, 2017 during the Eid al-Fitr holiday which ended Ramadan "barbaric and inhuman...We will offer our condolences to the victims and their families")

Dahan Sili Tongga (aged 61, convicted in Banda Aceh, Sumatra of gambling despite the assurance that Islamic law would not be imposed on non-Muslims when it was passed, sentenced to eight lashes, sentence executed on February 27, 2018)

Dainus Game (described the June 15, 2015 arson destruction of a church in Yambi, Puncak Jaya district, Papua, possibly by the Papua Freedom Organization)

Rev Daur Sanpe Rurun (as of September 23, 2016 had denied the claims of radical Muslim demonstrators that his Makassar, South Sulawesi church lacked proper building permits)

Rev Demak Simanjuntak (Perwira, Bekasi church closed on February 11, 2012)

Rev Domeniktus Padang (said that the church destruction by arson on August 18, 2015 in Mandumpang village, Aceh province might be related to the restrictive local building codes, which make it almost impossible to build a church)

Fr Dominikus Sibagariang OFM (said after at least 8,000 Christians fled Muslim attacks on October 13, 2015 over 'illegal' temporary churches in Aceh Singkil regency, Aceh province "Several Capuchin priests and local nuns helped them by bringing them food. This is a humanitarian mission. The priests’ presence gives people a sense of hope and security")

Dori Susanto (aged 60, attended Christmas service on December 25, 2013 in a makeshift shelter in Curug, West Bogor, West Java due to the local government's 2006 closure of the GKI Yasmin church, said “We do the right thing and we are not afraid”)

Dorman Wandikmo (denied media allegations that Christians prevented Muslims in Tolikara regency, Papua from praying on July 17, 2015 “We never [prohibited] the Muslim congregations from praying. We sent a notification to the local police office about a special church event two weeks beforehand [as it coincided with the Eid al-Fitr festival], recommending [that] both the church and mosque not use loudspeakers to avoid disturbing each other”, when the mosque used loudspeakers Christian youth asked them to turn down the volume, police responded with gunfire wounding 12 and killing a 15 year old boy)

Dwiati Novita Rini (spokeswoman for the GKI Yasmin church in Bogor, West Java, described how a service in a member's home was disrupted by 50 policemen; has been unable to hold services in its church due to government refusal to issue a building permit; as of September 24, 2015 has still been prohibited from using his church building since 2008, his church had completed its 100th service in front of the presidential residence in
Jakarta, West Java, said “It’s very hard to be a minority in Indonesia, and we have to fight for our rights. It’s not easy but it will not affect my faith...The mayor, who, I think, is the key person who can decide what happens in Bogor, still has people around him who are intolerant...the leader of the group GARIS, which protested against our church, is in jail, and the protests against us are now getting lower and lower”)

Edward (aged 23, church member, said on February 5, 2017 "We support the Bogor mayor's plan [that would allow the church building to be re-opened after 9 years in exchange for the building of a mosque next door on church land] so this case should be resolved soon")

Eko Suwarno (businessman, said on April 19, 2017 after Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama aka Ahok appeared to lose his bid for re-election "We will support him [Anies] and we hope he continues what Ahok has done")

Rev Elson Lingga (stated on May 15, 2012 that the mobs are demanding the 22 closed churched be demolished, and the Aceh Province government has agreed)

Eman Dapaloka (former seminarian, described on March 7, 2016 how his parish of 7,000 in North Bekasi district, West Java province has been unable to build a church since forming in 1999 and since receiving a building permit in July 2015)

Rev Emmy Situmorang Milos (said in Minahasa, Sulawesi on May 30, 2017 regarding Christian fears that the success of the Philippine military offensive against Islamic militants will force the militants into their country: "We always work with security officers to check on new and suspicious looking people")

Endang Setyorini (church in Gondangwinangun, Central Java province vandalized on August 9, 2016, statues broken and thrown in a river, said "Our relations with local people from different religious backgrounds have been good. Our parish church is open to anyone who wants to pray here. In fact, we don’t hire security personnel to guard our parish church on a daily basis")

Fr Endra Wijayanto (issued a statement condemning the February 11, 2018 attack during Mass in Selman district, near Yogyakarta, Central Java in which four were slashed)

Rev Erde Berutu (met with Aceh Province government officials May 15, 2012 who stated that the churches' demolition is "not open to question"); said that his church in Mandumpang village, Aceh province was destroyed by arson on August 18, 2015 "We want local police to fairly investigate the case. We lament that the police still believe that a short circuit was the cause of the fire. We don't see it that way...There's an indication that our church was burned down [on purpose]. There was a reuncong [in the rubble]. This reuncong [machete] wouldn't be there by itself...There was a religion-based conflict in 1979 and our church was set on fire. In 1999, another group tried to burn down our church, but a member of the congregation saw the fire on the door and immediately put it out";

said after at least 8,000 Christians fled Muslim attacks on October 13, 2015 over 'illegal' temporary churches in Aceh Singkil regency, Aceh province "The churches were already built in the 1930s. The youngest church was built in 2001, while the regulation first appeared in 2006")

Rev Esakatri Parahita ()

Fr Felix Astono Atmojo (said in Palembang, Sumatra on March 13, 2018 "We call on each parish and mission station to stay alert ahead of the observance of Holy Week and Easter. This is very important. We don’t want the [February 11, 2018] church attack to reoccur")
Fr Fenansius Marianus Manse (told on June 5, 2012 of how civil authorities have halted construction of a minor seminary in Mangkol village, Bangka-Belitung province)

Bishop Franciscus Kopong Kung (reported on March 21, 2016 to have welcomed increased police security for Holy Week in Larantuka, East Flores district, East Nusa Tenggara province)

Fr Franciscus Xaverius Sukendar Wignyosumarta (said in Semarang on March 13, 2018 "Security in churches must be tightened and cooperation with police and security personnel must be improved")

Fr Frans Widyanantardi Pr (summoned by Tegal, Java authorities on September 19, 2012 to explain why St Pius School does not teach Islam to its students)

Fransisco Budi Hardiman (philosophy school lecturer, said at a November 18, 2017 meeting in Jakarta on countering Islamic extremism on college campuses "It’s not only against radicalism, lecturers should also play an important role in fighting against moral ills, such as casual sex and drugs")

Fr Fransiskus Funan SVD (said at the May 9, 2017 Jakarta candlelight service held after the imprisonment of Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama aka Ahok "I came here to support Ahok. We know he was jailed because of outside pressure")

Fr Franz Magnis-Suseno SJ (published a letter from Jakarta on May 23, 2013 stating that President Yudhoyono is an accomplice of the climate of religious intolerance against Christians and minority Muslims "Do you know the growing difficulties of Christians to get permits for opening places of prayer, about the growing number of forced closure of churches, about the growth of regulations that make worshipping for minorities more difficult, thus about the growing intolerance on the grassroot level?"

commented in Jakarta on May 9, 2017 on the blasphemy conviction and imprisonment of Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama aka Ahok: "This is an unfair sentence, endorsed by judges under strong Islamist pressure. Extremists will try to continue their campaign in view of the 2019 presidential election to beat President Joko Widodo [aka Jokowi]. They will try to highlight that Jokowi is not a true Muslim...For more than a year, a silent coalition between former generals and Islamic militants is developing. An increase in disorder and social chaos could 'force' the military to assume power, with Islamist support. It should be noted that the old generals have never accepted the democratic reform implemented after the fall of dictator Suharto", added that two lessions could be drawn from the trial: "The first is that Islamic extremism has been underestimated by the great Muslim organizations of civil society, Muhammadiyah and Nahdlatul Ulama [NU]. In the last six months, behind the extremist leader Habib Rizieq Shihab young followers of the NU and especially of Muhammadiyah have also enthusiastically gathered, so it is possible that there is already a change in balance in Indonesian Islam. Radicals proclaim themselves as representatives of all Indonesian Islam, beating on Islamic identity and taking a central role on the political scene", the second lession is "Ahok's words and his presence as a candidate represented a provocation right from the beginning. Indonesia is still not ready for a Christian to become a national leader, especially a Christian of Chinese origin...Christian citizens have offered Ahok peaceful support, in sign of solidarity they accompanied him to the jail, singing the national anthem and launching this message: the baptized do not want to let Indonesia fall into the hands of fanatics and extremists")

Pastor Gagang (described on December 3, 2012 how congregations in Bekasi are being driven from their churches including by the imposition of $125,000 building permits)

Gatot Wotoseputro (described how authorities in Bogor, West Java on August 7, 2012 have denied his St Johannes Baptista Church permission to use a large tent for their religious services -
the tent has been in use since 2006 while the authorities have dragged on issuing building permits for a permanent church.

Pastor Gomar Gultom (stated that Christians will continue to worship without buildings: “It is true that when Christians are restricted, they spread”;

said on or before October 20, 2015 “The [October 12, 2015] meeting between the community and religious leaders was facilitated by the state [of Aceh Singkil], as if endorsing civil society to carry out violence” that followed;

said after a church in Samarinda, East Kalimantan was attacked with Molotov cocktails by an ISIL sympathizer on November 13, 2016 killing a child that all religious leaders needed to spread messages of peace and humanity;

signed a statement titled "Let the Peace of Christ Reign in your Hearts" regarding the current religious and political conflicts)

Fr Gregorius Utomo (the July 2, 2013 celebration of the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood threatened by Islamists in Rejoso village, Jogonalan sub-district, Klaten regency, central Java)

H K (accused on July 25, 2015 of instigating a riot in Tolikara regency, Papua on July 17, 2015)

Hargo Mandirahardjo (chairman of the Association of Catholic Graduates and Intellectuals in Indonesia, said he approved of the Archbishop Ignatius Suharyo Hardjoatmodjo's April 1, 2018 comments con corruption and added "We must continue to promote our national unity. If we don't, then who will?")

Pastor Hendri Budi Kusumo (arrested in West Aceh a week prior to September 9, 2013 with four others for proselytism)

Henriette T H Lebang (signed a statement titled "Let the Peace of Christ Reign in your Hearts" regarding the current religious and political conflicts)

Br Heribertus Sumarjo (organized a November 18, 2017 meeting in Jakarta on countering Islamic extremism on college campuses)

Herman Mairimau (aged 23, killed by drunken soldiers who attacked an August 28, 2015 graduation party inside a church compound in Timika, Paupa province, one other killed and five injured)

Fr Herman Nainggolan (described the December 25, 2012 fake nail bomb attack on Salaon Toba Catholic Church on Samosir Island, Sumatra)

Hotdiman (husband of Novita, father of burn victim Alfaro Sinaga, as of March 14, 2017 has been looking for employment closer to home in Samarinda, East Kalimantan province)

Rev Hotman Sinaga (church closed: "May the Lord touch and bless those who are against the presence of our church")

Rev Hotman Sitorus (requested that the Perwira, Bekasi church closure scheduled for February 11, 2012 be delayed two days to allow for a long-planned baptism and confirmation service - the request was denied by the authorities)

Rev Ibnu Prabowo (church in Purworejo, Central Java heavily damaged by arson on July 20, 2015 in retaliation for an arson attack on a mosque, the second such attack in two days)

Archbishop Ignatius Suharyo Hardjoatmodjo (complained in Jakarta on December 25, 2012 of government instrajengence in the issuance of permits for churches;
called on Christians to be vigilant of possible attacks after two Molotov cocktails were
thrown in the grounds of Assisi Catholic School on August 7, 2013 in Tebet, South Jakarta, Java – a school once was attended by the young Barack Obama;

on January 17, 2016 condemned the January 14, 2016 terror attack in Jakarta;

issued a pastoral letter from Jakarta on or before March 1, 2017 that condemned growing Muslim intolerance, rampant violence, human trafficking, and an unwillingness to work toward the common good;

signed a statement titled "Let the Peace of Christ Reign in your Hearts" regarding the current religious and political conflicts;

spoke out on April 1, 2018 against corruption after six politicians including one Christian were arrested)

Fr Ignatius Sukawalyana (church in Gondangwinangun, Central Java province vandalized on August 9, 2016, called on parishioners to not jump to conclusions "while the investigation is ongoing" that the perpetrators were Islamic extremists)

Fr Ipung Purwosuranto OSC (wrote after at least 8,000 Christians fled Muslim attacks on October 13, 2015 over 'illegal' temporary churches in Aceh Singkil regency, Aceh province "Dozens have arrived asking for asylum in St Michael’s Parish in Tumaja, in the diocese of Sibolga. They are housed temporarily in the rectory and the house of the sisters")

J W (accused on July 25, 2015 of instigating a riot in Tolikara regency, Papua on July 17, 2015)

Jalaudin (aged 65, brother of Kashfi Rosyid, sentenced on August 2, 2013 to three years imprisonment for evangelical activities, family "chased out of the [Sukabumi, West Java] village" and in hiding)

James T Riaidy (businessman, accused on November 5, 2013 by Islamist leaders in Padang, West Sumatra of using his shopping malls for proselytism)

Rev Jasman Bancin (described on January 8, 2016 the Aceh Singkil district, Aceh provincial government efforts to tear down tents erected by his and other churches following the government's demolition of their church buildings "Mothers, children and youths blockaded them. They made their objections clear")

Jayadi Damanik (described on September 27, 2012 the radical changes in policy of the local Bogor government in regards to the GKI Yasmin Church)

Rev Jeirry Simampow (executive secretary of the Indonesian Church Association, commented on May 15, 2012 on the closure of 22 churches by the Aceh Province government under mob pressure: "The number of Christians has reached 12,000");

in Jakarta on June 24, 2013 criticized the pending mass organizations legislation that will allow the government to regulate how churches are created and run;

reported on April 11, 2017 to have said in Jakarta, West Java after six suspected terrorists were shot dead by police and three arrested "We are putting on a brave face and, but our guard is up")

Archbishop Johannes Pujaamarta (religious shrine desecrated , called for calm among the faithful after 1,000 Islamic extremists attacked a shrine to Mary in Klaten district on May 6, 2012 and authorities closed three churches on May 5, 2012 in Napagaluh, Singkil, a sub-district of Paris Danau and Lae Balno village for a lack of building permits - one was 40 years old; demanded an investigation into the May 29, 2014 assault on Julius Felicianus;

died of lung cancer in Semarang on November 10, 2015)
Fr John Djonga (summoned on February 19, 2016 for police interrogation for having said a Mass in Wamena attended by Papuan separatists, said he would not appear until he had secured legal counsel and received permission from his bishop; met with two police officers in Wamena on February 26, 2016 for four hours of questioning with his attorney)

Bishop John Philip Saklil (condemned the August 28, 2015 church attack in Timika, Paupa province, said "Based on our record, there are a number of violent incidents being brutally committed by members of the Indonesian military and police in our ecclesiastical area"; called on August 1, 2017 for accountability after police shot into a crowd in Deyiai district, Papua, killing one and injuring seven including two children, said "With similar cases that occur continuously and those that are not resolved professionally, it only creates a bad impression that both the police and military are not the protector of the people but the protectors of immoral criminals"; expressed concern after a policeman was killed on November 15, 2017 in Timika district, Paupa by rebels and asked the rebels to reopen a road to villages in the mountains near a gold mine)

Julius Felicianus (publisher, assaulted by Islamic extremists on May 29, 2014 for having hosted a prayer meeting in his home in Yogyakarta, Java, suffered a deep gash on the head, five women at the prayer meeting and a journalist also assaulted)

Justina Rostiawati (president of the Indonesian Catholic Women Association, said in Jakarta on May 9, 2017 concerning the blasphemy conviction of Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama aka Ahok "I am disappointed over the “distorted” conclusion of the judges panel albeit the prosecutor’s recommendation seeking two-year long probation for Ahok. The judges’ verdict has been massively influenced by the current political situation in Indonesia. If this impression is right, then the conclusion of the judges is potentially dangerous for the development of justice and law in the country")

Juventus Prima Yoris Kago (Catholic Student Association chairman, said of the February 11, 2018 attack during Mass in Selman district, near Yogyakarta, Central Java "Let us show the example of being a good religious person who is trying to love everyone. We show that we reject destructive acts in any name")

Fr Karl-Edmund Prier SJ (aged 81, Dutch or German national, stabbed by a Muslim while presiding at Mass in Selman district, near Yogyakarta, Central Java on February 11, 2018, hospitalized in stable condition)

Rev Karo Sekali (secretary of Religious Harmony Forum, condemned an ISIL-linked attack that killed a policeman in Medan, North Sumatra on June 25, 2017 during the Eid al-Fitr holiday which ended Ramadan "We should safeguard the unity of the nation and state, and not violate the norms of religion and law")

Kashfi Rosyid (aged 58, brother of Jalaudin, sentenced on August 2, 2013 to three years imprisonment for evangelical activities, family "chased out of the [Sukabumi, West Java] village" and in hiding)

Kasih (aged 17, convert, locked by her family in her room for three months as of July 18, 2013 following her conversion)

Kevin Reiner Hidayat (aged 22, said on April 19, 2017 after Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama aka Ahok appeared to lose his bid for re-election "We cannot imagine what will happen to us, as radicals who support him [Anies] have also made anti-Chinese statements")
Kistoforus Mbora Kaka (chairman of the Kupang branch of the Union of Catholic University Students, spoke concerning church security after the disruption of a December 18, 2016 Mass in the Catholic cathedral in Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara province by four men alleged to be Protestants "The police must be able to ensure that this Christmas everything is calm so we can mark the birth of the Savior with peaceful hearts")

Koerniatmanto (professor of law, said in Jakarta on May 9, 2017 concerning the blasphemy conviction of Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama aka Ahok "The sentence is strange and commonly called 'ultra petita', which means that the verdict is 'heavier' than the prosecutors demanded. For the College of Judges, this verdict is socially 'friendly' for security reasons. Angry crowds will not 'attack' the judges and Ahok will be taken to jail in total security")

Sr Laurentina CDP (said at the May 9, 2017 Jakarta candlelight service held after the imprisonment of Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama aka Ahok "We have seen the legal proceedings in Ahok's case and to me it does not make sense. There seems to be political influence behind all this")

Lee Kyung-hwa (missionary, South Korean citizen, wife of Park Seong-beom, mother of Park Yuna, apparently killed in the December 28, 2014 crash of AirAsia QZ8501 off Surabaya)

Bishop Leo Laba Ladjar (said on June 13, 2012 he was concerned about the escalation of fatal "accidents" in Indonesian Papua; defended Fr John Djonga prior to his February 26, 2016 questioning by police)

Pastor Leonard Nababan (called for calm after the local government demolished the Huria Kristen Batak Protestant Setu Church in Bekasi, West Java on March 21, 2013)

Rev Lipiyus Binilux (on June 13, 2012 called on the government to end the violence in Indonesian Papua)

Sr Madeleine (summoned by Tegal, Java authorities on September 19, 2012 to explain why St Pius School does not teach Islam to its students)

Fr Mandius Mateus Siringoringo O.Carm (on October 20, 2015 described the demolition of a mission station by the local government in Aceh Singkil)

Manuel Raintung (Council of Churches of Indonesia, refused as of December 18, 2017 to participate in a Christmas event at the National Monument [aka Monas] in Jakarta, West Java, the government's invitation and prior approval of Islamic use was a reversal of the policy of now imprisoned Christian former governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama aka Ahok, said: "We must make sure that Monas remains a national monument where the spirit of unity among the different Indonesian peoples can show itself")

Marco Archer Cardoso Moreira (aged 53, Brazilian citizen, executed in Besi Penitentiary on January 18, 2015 after conviction on drug smuggling charges, denied last rites)

Marco Impagliazzo (representative of the Community of St. Egidio, signed an agreement with the 40 million member Islamic organization Muhammadiyah that jointly called for moderation and pluralism)

Maria Theresia Erlien (parishioner in Matraman, East Jakarta, said on March 13, 2018 "Being vigilant is important despite security personnel usually being deployed [for Holy Week]")

Maria Wijaya (aged 53, reported on April 11, 2017 to have said in Jakarta, West Java after six suspected terrorists were shot dead by police and three arrested "I believe Jesus Christ will protect us")

Fr Markus Manurung, OFMCap (stated on May 30, 2012 in Medan "On the island of Sumatra
there are six dioceses: the Archdioceses of Medan and Palembang; the dioceses of Sibolga, Padang, Pangkal Pinang and Tanjung Karang. Problems are occurring for Christians in Padang, Medan and Sibolga. In Padang, in rural and isolated areas, there are churches that despite lengthy bureaucratic procedures, have never had the permission to be built or to be restored. The community of Tirtanadi is not granted the permission to found a church and the faithful are forbidden to pray together. The church in west Pasuruan Ijin has not obtained the permission for the necessary repairs, as well as the church in Tembilahan, damaged by fire, where the faithful gather within the walls which are still blackened. In the church in Sawalunto, the faithful are not allowed to meet. In Bukit Tinggi the permission to build a new church, as happens in Kerinci-Kayu Aru has been denied. The license for the church in Pasir Pangarean was revoked, which had already been granted in the past.

Fr Martin Hadiwijava (said on October 17, 2013 that the appearance of a banner criticizing the building of a church in Kalvari, Cipayung, East Jakarta is a provocation that could lead to extremist action)

Fr Matthew Widyolestari (warned by Islamic extremists on March 22, 2013 to cancel Holy Week services in Kepa Duri, went ahead with Palm Sunday Mass despite the threats)

Meydie Early (aged 27, disappointed at Ahok's April 19, 2017 electoral defeat)

Bishop Michael Cosmos Angkur (service at cathedral in honor of his 75th birthday cancelled after fake bomb discovered)

Natanael ‘Wahed’ Tumangger (convicted of killing a Muslim in the 2015 clashes in Aceh province despite the only evidence being the color of his clothes and having been denied legal representation, appeal underway, repeatedly beaten in prison, said on or before November 10, 2016 “There’s nothing to worry about me here. But what about my wife and our four children? How are they going to survive in my absence?”)

Nathan Setiabudi (presided at the GKI Yasmin Christmas service on December 25, 2013 in a makeshift shelter in Curug, West Bogor, West Java)

Fr Neles Tebay (dean of the Fajar Timur Institute of Philosophy and Theology, said on July 20, 2015 that the church and mosque arson attacks near Purworejo, Central Java run counter to popular animist beliefs and called on the police to thoroughly investigate all of the attacks)

Ngatwono (aged 57, attended Christmas service on December 25, 2013 in a makeshift shelter in Curug, West Bogor, West Java due to the local government's 2006 closure of the GKI Yasmin church, said he hoped that a new mayor would implement the Supreme Court's rulings in favor of the church)

Archbishop Nicholaus Adi Saputra (criticized the government on July 14, 2016 for arresting hundreds of demonstrators in Papua)

Rev Nico Tarigan (Indonesian Bethel Church, on October 22, 2012 protested closure of the Banda Aceh church)

Pastor Niko (accused in early June, 2014 of setting up an illegal house of worship in Yogyakarta, Java)

Noldi (said on or before November 10, 2016 that many Christians remain fearful of attack in Aceh province “The perpetrators live in the neighborhood and they always watch my church members’ activities”)

Novita (aged 40, wife of Hotdiman, mother of burn victim Alfaro Sinaga, said in Samarinda, East Kalimantan province on or before March 14, 2017 “I always try to encourage him by saying it is important to regain his health and will pray with him before the operation.
Seeing him happy is my source of strength and joy as well”

Pastor Oferlin Hia (president of Church of People's Synod, as of February 12, 2014 has been trying to reverse a government decision to close his church in Cianjur regency, West Java; on June 3, 2014 described the closing of seven Protestant churches in Cianjur district, West Java on the pretext of improper building permits - all of the churches predate the current permit law)

Olivia Intan Marbun (aged 2, church in Samarinda, East Kalimantan attacked with Molotov cocktails by an ISIL sympathizer on November 13, 2016, hospitalized, died of her injuries)

Rev Palti Panjaitan (described how a mob pelted his congregants with stones and bags of urine while they entered their Batak Christian Protestant Church in Bekasi on the Jakarta outskirts to celebrate the Ascension on May 17, 2012 and how the same mob chased them after they left the church; as of December 21, 2012 has been holding services in the street since 2007 due to government refusal to issue a building permit for the sealed church; described how his congregation of 200 was pelted with rotten eggs on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 2012, the Christmas Eve attack also saw the use of thrown cow urine and dung; charged with “committing unpleasant acts” after physically holding one of the Christmas Day attackers, as of August 26, 2013 was not able to attend the latest hearing due to his psychological health, the Asian Human Rights Commission has called the case "fabricated" and "lacking evidence" and questions why the police will not close it; the Muslim cleric who had threatened him with beheading was found guilty in Bekasi, West Java on September 13, 2013 and sentenced to two months imprisonment, suspended to six months probation, said of the Muslim cleric “I don’t mind whether the sentence is light or tough. I just want people to know that he is guilty”)

Pastor Pangaribuan (on January 13, 2014 spoke on the difficulties of securing a church building, five church construction sites in Sumatra have been stopped by the government in the last month)

Park Seong-beom (aged 37, missionary, South Korean citizen, husband of Lee Kyung-hwa, father of Park Yuna, apparently killed in the December 28, 2014 crash of AirAsia QZ8501 off Surabaya)

Park Yuna (aged 11 months, South Korean citizen, daughter of Park Seong-beom and Lee Kyung-hwa, apparently killed in the December 28, 2014 crash of AirAsia QZ8501 off Surabaya)

Fr Paulus Christian Siswantoko (secretary of the Indonesian Bishops’ Conference’s Commission for Justice, Peace and Pastoral for Migrant-Itinerant People, said “Every convict on death row has the right to receive counseling according to their own religion. In this case, Marco [Archer Cardoso Moreira] truly was subject to a human rights violation in the last minutes of his life"; said of the April 12, 2016 whipping of Remita Sinaga in Central Aceh district "Jakarta has allowed Aceh to implement Shariah law. But never force this law down the throats of other religions")

Permadi (stabbed in the back while attending Mass in Selman district, near Yogyakarta, Central Java on February 11, 2018, said "He was wielding a sword, and he hit me", hospitalized in stable condition)
Fr Peter C Aman OFM (professor of moral theology, said of the August 9, 2016 church vandalism in Gondangwinangun, Central Java province "we don’t worship statues and we forgive others")

Peter Youngren (Gospel Festival planned for Makassar, Indonesia threatened with riots and killings by Muslims during August 2013)

Bishop Petrus Canisius Mandagi (thanked dozens of young Muslims for attending an April 1, 2018 Good Friday procession in Ambon, Maluku province "This is an example of where religion becomes a unifying tool and this religious celebration becomes a bridge to strengthening relations")

Petrus Selestinus (attorney, said after the disruption of a December 18, 2016 Mass in the Catholic cathedral in Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara province by four men alleged to be Protestants "There are indisputable facts that tolerance, harmony and security in the province is under threat")

Fr Priya (described a June 29, 2014 attack on his church in Pugeran, Yogyakarta, Java during morning Mass, banners ripped down)

Rasnius Pasaribu (church secretary, denied Islamist charges that the church fraudulently obtained signatures of neighbors to gain approval of building permits in North Bekasi, near Jakarta, West Java, the church has been trying to get a permit for 15 years, the Islamist demonstrated on August 10, 2015 to demand that the permit be revoked; reported on April 7, 2017 to have said "Such protests [against their new church construction] challenge our efforts to maintain diversity. No matter what. We will celebrate Holy Week in a shophouse where we have been holding Sunday services. We will work with police and local people to guard the celebrations")

Fr Raymundus Sianipar (asked by police on March 24, 2017 to leave his church in Kaliabang, Bekasi, West Java after it came under attack by Islamic radicals who demanded its building permit be cancelled, tear gas was fired at the radicals)

Remita Sinaga (aged 60, publicly whipped 28 times in Central Aceh district on April 12, 2016 for selling alcohol under Islamic [sharia] law despite assurances that sharia would apply only to Muslims)

Retno Setyawati (aged 53, said on April 19, 2017 after Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama aka Ahok appeared to lose his bid for re-election "What can I do? I must accept the election results. I am afraid he [Anies] would pay more attention to his supporters and that radicalism will grow in Jakarta")

Archbishop Robertus Rubyatmoko (said the victims of the February 11, 2018 attack during Mass in Selman district, near Yogyakarta, Central Java "feel protected by God")

Roina Simanjuntak (aunt of Triniti Hutahayan, said that her family would rely on God to decide if any revenge would be taken against the attacker, said “I have a big hope that my family members, especially Triniti’s mother, can face this hard time. She is still in trauma after seeing what happened to her child")

Fr Romanus Harjito, O. Carm (spoke on May 13 2012 in Jakarta about the difficulties of promoting mission while being watched by small radical Islamic groups)

Rosnida Sari (university lecturer, received death threats on January 5, 2014 after posting a web article about bringing her students to a church in Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam province to inquire about gender equality in Christianity, 17 Muslims were included and defended her, in hiding)
Fr Rudianto (described on March 25, 2014 the revocation of his Cibubur, Bekasi regency, West Java church's building permit for the purpose of avoiding 'sectarian violence')

Rev Sabar Maringan Manullang (said after a church in Samarinda, East Kalimantan was attacked with Molotov cocktails by an ISIL sympathizer on November 13, 2016 killing a child "Some parents brought their children in. But some children refused to come into the church. So they were hurt in the bomb attack...If the pastor had not asked parents to bring their children in, the number of victims would have been higher")

Fr Saptono (forced to stop a November 9, 2014 Mass by a mob of Islamists from the Islamic Defenders Front [FPI] and the Formasi [Forum of Indonesian Islamic community] who threatened arson, told parishioners to remove sacramentals from the Bandung, West Java province church to prevent their destruction should the building be attacked, the mob left after he promised to stop saying Mass in the building)

Fr Siprianus Hormat (condemned the May 13, 2018 suicide bombings of the three churches in Surabaya, Java that killed 12 and injured over 50 "The Indonesian Bishops are shocked, they expressed strong disappointment and solidarity towards the families of the victims and wounded. It is traumatic to know that a whole family of suicide bombers carried out the attacks: what do we instill in the minds of children? Extremism? This is the most profound question that these attacks bring with them")

Rev Sony Dandel (said in a February 5, 2017 homily that the fight for equal rights should continue after acceptance of the proposal that would allow the church building in Bogor, West Java to be re-opened after 9 years in exchange for the building of a mosque next door on church land, said "We hope the problem for our church and also of other churches with similar problems will end soon")

Pastor Stephen Tong Eng Tjong (a December 6, 2016 Christmas event in a rented hall in Bandung, West Java province stopped by Islamic radicals;
forced to cancel an open-air prayer service scheduled for October 20, 2017 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation after the stadium venue in Yogyakarta received threats by Islamic radicals)

Fr Steven Lalu (spoke in Manado, Sulawesi on May 30, 2017 regarding Christian fears that the success of the Philippine military offensive against Islamic militants will force the militants into their country: "The close proximity to the Philippines has raised anxiety...We asked people to look out for people who are not known entering the community. The church always coordinates with security")

Pastor Sura Purba Saputra (described on December 23, 2013 how his church in Bandung, West Java was closed by the authorities only five months after its completion and how it could not be used for Christmas this year)

Susan Jasmine Zulkifli (elected ward chief in Lenteng Agung ward, Jakarta, Java as of August 22, 2013 a petition has been signed by 2,300 residents calling for her removal because she is a woman and a Christian, the deputy governor says "The objection based on religion is irrelevant";
600 Muslim residents demonstrated on September 25, 2013 in favor of her removal due to her religion, they delivered a coffin and a yellow flag to the governor, the deputy governor still supports her and has threatened legal action if the protestors turn violent)

Fr Suyadi (refused as of December 18, 2017 to participate in a Christmas event at the National Monument [aka Monas] in Jakarta, West Java, the government's invitation and prior approval of Islamic use was a reversal of the policy of now imprisoned Christian former
governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama aka Ahok, said: "In our meeting with the city administration, I told them that we Catholics of the Archdiocese of Jakarta are called to celebrate Christmas in our respective parish churches. Celebrating Christmas in churches rather than in open public spaces has been our tradition for decades"

Fr Teguh Bernard, O Carm (stated on May 30, 2012 in Sidikalang, Singkil district, Aceh province "The Islamic Defender Forum, composed of radical organizations, puts pressure on the government to close the churches that are considered illegal, unauthorized churches or prayer halls. The local Government, fearing these violent organizations, is giving in.")

Pastor Teofilus Tumijan (described how his congregation had to move from their new church in Pepanthan Dermolo village, Jepara county, central Java on December 13, 2013 due to threats of violence)

Theophilus Bela (church spokesman, expressed concern on June 5, 2012 that anti-Christian rights violations are increasing, with 40 in the first 5 months of 2012, compared to 64 in 2011, 47 in 2010, and 10 in 2009;

described on March 8, 2013 how the Banua Niha Keriso Protestant church in Bandung, West Java province has been ordered by a local Muslim leader to remove all Christian items from their church and abandon it or else face a crowd of militants;

said after the December 8, 2017 arrest of Rev Abraham Ben Moses that while at least 106 people had been prosecuted for blasphemy between 2005 and 2014, this was the first case involving a Christian cleric)

Thomas Jefferson Baru (Catholic Youth leader, participated in a March 2, 2016 demonstration in Manokwari against the continued police harassment of Fr John Djonga)

Rev Titus (church in Cimahi, West Java closed by the authorities on December 13, 2013 for operating without a permit, has since received constant telephone calls from the police)

Tjia Nyuk Hwa (aged 45, convicted in Banda Aceh, Sumatra of gambling despite the assurance that Islamic law would not be imposed on non-Muslims when it was passed, sentenced to seven lashes, sentence executed on February 27, 2018)

Rev Togardo Siburian (reported on June 16, 2014 that churches around Bandung, West Java Province often receive threats and demands from radical groups to pay "security" money)

Triniti Hutahayan (aged 4, church in Samarinda, East Kalimantan attacked with Molotov cocktails by an ISIL sympathizer on November 13, 2016, hospitalized in serious condition;

as of March 29, 2018 has continued to undergo medical treatments)

Tyas Utomo (parish council deputy chairman in Parung Panjang, reported on April 7, 2017 to have said Holy Week celebrations will be in a tent "as this is the only facility we have...We cannot guarantee that Easter celebrations will be safe as there is potential threat")

Veronica Tan (wife of Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama aka Ahok, read her husband's statement in which he withdrew his appeal at a May 23, 2017 press conference in Jakarta)

Viktor Bungtilu Laiskodat (aged 52, member of parliament, accused on August 1, 2017 of blasphemy after saying in East Nusa Tenggara province that Islamic political parties wanted to form a caliphate)

Woro Wahyuningtyas (head of the Christian NGO Network Indonesia, spoke against the local authority's December 5, 2013 demolition order of the Christian Church in South Sulawesi [in Pangkep] and their "zero tolerance" of religious minorities;

called for the national government to review Aceh's implementation of sharia after the
April 12, 2016 whipping of Remita Sinaga in Central Aceh district, said "discriminative bylaws are against the constitution")

Fr Yohandes Purba Tamtomo (spoke on November 25, 2014 at a Constitutional Court hearing in Jakarta in favor of overturning the ban on interfaith marriages)

Yohanes Bao Keraf (church security leader, said after two suicide bombings on May 24, 2017 at a Jakarta bus terminal “There is a feeling of fear...we are coordinating with police on heightened security measures”)

Yohanes Handoyo Budhisedjati (political analyst, said on April 19, 2017 after Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama aka Ahok appeared to lose his bid for re-election "I can understand if religious minorities are worried and afraid after his [Anies'] victory")

Bishop Yohanes Harun Yuwono (joined in a January 17, 2016 anti-terror demonstration in Jakarta attended by 10,000 people; said after Archbishop Ignatius Suharyo Hardjoatmodjo spoke out on April 1, 2018 against corruption that Catholics "need to uphold the spirit of a good governance which can unite all social elements")

Yohanes Kanto (diocesan official, reported on April 11, 2017 to have said in Surabaya, East Java after six suspected terrorists were shot dead by police and three arrested "They aren't afraid and many attended Palm Sunday Masses the day after the incidents")

Yudo Prihanto (attorney, said of the March 26, 2018 Supreme Court denial of the appeal of the conviction of former Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama aka Ahok “According to what I have surmised, the verdict is not merely a legal decision, but has also been strongly influenced by politics")

Fr Yulianus Bidau Mote (confirmed that Fr John Djonga was sent by his diocese to say the Mass in Wamena that has been questioned by the authorities)

Yulianus Okoware (aged 23, killed by drunken soldiers who attacked an August 28, 2015 graduation party inside a church compound in Timika, Paupa province, one other killed and five injured)

Yulius Suharto (government official, removed from his position in Bantul regency, Yogyakarta special province, central Java on January 11, 2017 after Islamist groups used social media to demand it on religious grounds)

Yuni Yesra Patatang (aged 27, elementary school religion teacher, youth minister, shot dead by suspected local militants in Ilaga, Puncak Jaya district, Papua province on September 12, 2016)

Archbishop Yustinus Harjosusanto (said after a church in Samarinda, East Kalimantan was attacked with Molotov cocktails by an ISIL sympathizer on November 13, 2016 killing a child "Following the bomb attack, all parishes in Samarinda were guarded by security forces during their Sunday afternoon Mass celebrations")

Yuvens Tukung (said after the disruption of a December 18, 2016 Mass in the Catholic cathedral in Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara province by four men alleged to be Protestants "People should remain calm and leave everything entirely to law enforcement agencies")

Zakaria Ngelow (history professor, member of the Synod of the Protestant Churches, condemned the December 5, 2013 demolition of the Christian Church in South Sulawesi [in Pangkep] by local authorities as it was the only church in the district)