

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – unknown month 1961



China

Fr Joseph Zong Huaide (aged 41, forbidden to practice ministry)

Paul Xie Tingzhe (aged 30, seminarian, seminary closed in 1958; **UPDATE**: imprisoned in a labor camp)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/63023->

[ASIA_CHINA_Msg_r_Paolo_Xie_Tingzhe_a_passionate_evangeliser_and_formator_of_future_priests#.WdsQd1tSyM8](http://www.fides.org/en/news/63023-ASIA_CHINA_Msg_r_Paolo_Xie_Tingzhe_a_passionate_evangeliser_and_formator_of_future_priests#.WdsQd1tSyM8)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/69648->

[ASIA_CHINA_Bishop_Joseph_Zong_Huaide_died_at_the_age_of_100_he_devoted_himself_to_prayer_and_charitable_works](http://www.fides.org/en/news/69648-ASIA_CHINA_Bishop_Joseph_Zong_Huaide_died_at_the_age_of_100_he_devoted_himself_to_prayer_and_charitable_works)



Laos: Ban Na

Fr Jean Wauthier OMI (aged 35, French citizen, escaped death by firing squad)

https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean_Wauthier – with translation



Russia: Ozerlag labor camp, Chun, Irkutsk oblast

Fr Bronislaw Drzepecki (aged 55, arrested by the Soviets in [Zhytomyr, Ukraine](#) on [January 10, 1945](#); sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [March 6, 1946](#); released from camp on [November 10, 1954](#), kept in internal exile; arrested in [Akmolinsk oblast, Kazakstan](#) in 1956 on anti-Soviet activities related to his secret Masses, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: transferred to Ukhtizhlag labor camp, Sosnovka, Komi ASSR)

Fr Władysław Bukowinski (aged 57; arrested in [Karaganda oblast](#) in 1958 for illegal pastoral work; **UPDATE**: released, returned to Karaganda and resumed pastoral work)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0191>



Cuba: Havana

Cardinal Manuel Arteaga y Betancourt (aged 82, took refuge in the Argentine embassy after attacks on churches by Communist supporters, left the embassy a year later when he was hospitalized)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manuel_Arteaga_y_Betancourt