

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – May 1965

**Sunday May 30, 1965**



### **Congo, Democratic Republic: Buta, Bas-Uele**

Fr Bart Timmers OSC (aged 35, Dutch citizen, **killed**)

Fr Gerard Jansen OSC (aged 58, Dutch citizen, **killed**)

Fr Gerrit Kester OSC (aged 47, Dutch citizen, **killed**)

Fr Edward Schrijvers OFM Cap (aged 52, Belgian citizen, **killed**)

Fr Filip Waldram OSC (aged 54, Dutch citizen, **killed**)

Fr Fons Kuypers OSC (aged 40, Belgian citizen, **killed**)

Br Frans de Kegel (aged 39, Belgian citizen, **killed**)

Fr Frits Kraewinkels OSC (aged 42, Belgian citizen, **killed**)

Br Gilbert de Zwaef (Belgian citizen, **killed**)

Fr Has Verberk OSC (aged 47, Dutch citizen, **killed**)

Br Hubert Jacobs (aged 24, Dutch citizen, **killed**)

Fr Huub van Lieshout OSC (aged 31, Dutch citizen, **killed**)

Fr Jan van Oort OSC (aged 38, Dutch citizen, **killed**)

Fr Jan Verhoeven OSC (aged 31, Dutch citizen, **killed**)

Fr Jef Beckers OSC (aged 49, Belgian citizen, **killed**)

Br Jef Wouters OSC (aged 59, Belgian citizen, **killed**)

Br Jeroom Asselman (aged 35, Belgian citizen, **killed**)

Fr Jozef Vandenbroucke OFM Cap (aged 31, Belgian citizen, **killed**)

Fr Lambert Schoenmakers OSC (aged 47, Dutch citizen, **killed**)

Br Leo Ignoul OSC (aged 56, Belgian citizen, **killed**)

Br Leonard van Loon (Belgian citizen, **killed**)

Fr Leopold Neyens OFM Cap (aged 40, Belgian citizen, **killed**)

Br Ludovic Bosmans (Belgian citizen, **killed**)  
Br Marcel Verschueren (Belgian citizen, **killed**)  
Fr Marinus Godefrooy OSC (aged 51, Dutch citizen, **killed**)  
Fr Paul Kruitwagen OSC (aged 52, Dutch citizen, **killed**)  
Br Peerke Verkuijlen OSC (aged 66, Dutch citizen, **killed**)  
Fr Rik Snijkers OSC (aged 37, Belgian citizen, **killed**)  
Fr Robert Carremans OSC (aged 54, Belgian citizen, **killed**)  
Fr Vic van Heeswijk OSC (aged 37, Dutch citizen, **killed**)  
Fr Willem Vissers OSC (aged 55, Dutch citizen, **killed**)  
[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Congo.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Congo.htm)

**Monday May 31, 1965**



**China: Shanghai**

Lin Zhao aka Peng Lingzhao (aged 32, convert, writer and poet, former communist, arrested on **October 14, 1960**; released from prison in **March 1962** for a hospital stay; arrested in **early November 1962**, tortured, wrote anti-Communist writings with her own blood while imprisoned; **UPDATE**: tried, sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lin\\_Zhao](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lin_Zhao)  
[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26542701M/Blood\\_Letters](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26542701M/Blood_Letters)  
<http://www.chinaaid.org/2018/11/chinaaid-announces-lin-zhao-freedom.html>  
<https://todaysmartyrs.org/pdf/By%20Person/Lin%20Zhao.pdf>

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