

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – November 1971

Wednesday November 3, 1971



Philippines: Tambunan, Maguindanao

Fr Nelson Javellana OMI (aged 29, **shot dead** in a road ambush, more than a dozen others also killed, attackers were never identified)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Philippines1.htm

http://www.omiphil.org/cgi-bin/news/details.asp?news_id=45&category_id=1

Friday November 12, 1971



Lithuania

Fr Juozas Zdebskis (church in [Prienai](#) raided by the authorities on [July 16, 1971](#) during his First Communion class for 300 children who were all questioned and photographed; arrested by the KGB on [August 26, 1971](#) for illegal religious instruction to children; **UPDATE:** trial held, Christians were forcibly ejected from the courthouse and replaced with state employees before it began, said during the trial "You have shown me thousands of youths behind bars. Not one of them knows the God who should be loved and who loves us. No one has spoken to them of such a God; no one has taught them to find happiness in doing good to every human being, even to an enemy. I know very well that if we priests shall not speak about this, the very stones will begin to exclaim, and God will hold us responsible for their fate")

Lithuania: Raseiniai

Fr Prosperas Bubnys (tried on charges of illegal religious instruction to children, convicted, sentenced to one year in a labor camp)

http://www.lkbkronika.lt/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=347&Itemid=232

Saturday November 13, 1971



East Pakistan – now Bangladesh: Nawabgani Upazilla, Dhaka district

Fr William P Evans CSC (aged 52, U.S. citizen, stabbed and **shot dead** by Pakistani soldiers, body dumped in a river and recovered the next day)

<http://www.genocidebangladesh.org/bangladesh-war-of-independence-west-pakistani-soldiers-kill-catholic-priests/>

https://issuu.com/jeromedcosta/docs/father_william_p_evans_csc_-_as_i

Sunday November 14, 1971



Egypt

Bishop Shenouda aka Nazir Gayed Roufail (aged 48, elected Patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church, took the title Pope Shenouda III)

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

Wednesday November 17, 1971



Lithuania

V Stakauskas (denied Last Rites when his sister was not allowed to call a priest as he lay dying)

http://www.lkbkronika.lt/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=350&Itemid=235

November 1971, date unknown