

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – May 1972

Monday May 8, 1972



Burundi: Bujumbura

Simeon Rwabaye (aged 41, husband, disappeared, **presumed dead**)

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

Monday May 15, 1972



Lithuania: Nemaniunai

Fr J Matulaitis (ordered to sign a document warning him that he was prohibited from allowing children to participate in religious rites or to assist at other parishes)

http://www.lkbkronika.lt/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=351&Itemid=236

Wednesday May 17, 1972



Burundi: Gitega

Fr Michel Kayoya (aged 37, **killed** by soldiers, forgave his killers)

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

http://openlibrary.org/works/OL1985805W/The_Catholic_martyrs_of_the_twentieth_century

Friday May 19, 1972



Lithuania: Jurbarkas

Fr Gustavas Gudnavicius (fined 50 rubles on [March 23, 1972](#) for allowing children to serve at the altar during Mass; **UPDATE**: fine upheld on appeal)

http://www.lkbkronika.lt/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=349&Itemid=234

Tuesday May 30, 1972



China: Anhui

Watchman Nee aka Ni Tuoseng (aged 68, widower of Charity Chang, arrested on [April 10, 1952](#) in [Shanghai](#) on charges of bribery, tax evasion, and theft of state property and government economic information but in reality for refusing to join the official Three Self Help church; convicted on all charges on [June 21, 1956](#), sentenced to 15 years imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: **died in prison of natural causes**, had never been released despite completing his sentence, left a note under his pillow before he died stating “Christ is the Son of God who died for the redemption of sinners and resurrected after three days. This is the greatest truth in the universe. I die because of my belief in Christ. Watchman Nee”)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Watchman_Nee



Israel: Lod Airport

Three Japanese Red Army terrorists kill 26 people – including 17 Christian pilgrims – and wound 80

Rev Angel Berganzo (U.S. citizen, **killed**)

Antonio Pacheco (U.S. citizen, **killed**)

Antonio Rodriguez Morales (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Blanca Gonzalez de Perez (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Carmela Cintron (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Carmelo Calderon Molina (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Carmen E Crespo (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Carmen Guzman (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Conсорcia Rodriguez (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Enrique Martinez Rivera (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Esther Gonzalez (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Eugenia Lopez (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Jose A Rodriguez (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Jose M Otero Adorno (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Juan Padilla (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Pablo Tirado Ayala (U.S. citizen, wounded)
Vasthy Zila Morales de Vega (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
Vírgen Flores (U.S. citizen, **killed**)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lod_Airport_massacre

May 1972, date unknown



Lithuania: Ceikiniai

Elementary school students were forced to write statements accusing the local priest of illegally giving religious instructions

Ms Rakstelyte (student)
R Miklasevicius (student)
Z Maskoliunas (student)

Lithuania: Moletai

Fr Jonas Zubrus (accused of organizing a petition to the government, transferred by government order to a parish in Sivintos)

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