

# Today's Martyrs

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## Events – March 1976

**Tuesday March 14, 1976**



### **Lebanon: Beirut**

Fr Alban de Jerphanion SJ (aged 74, French national, **shot** while trying to evacuate a severely injured fellow priest from the country, **later died** from his wounds)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Lebanon.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Lebanon.htm)

<http://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/portfolio-item/alban-de-jerphanion-1976-lebanon/>

**Thursday March 16, 1976**



### **Angola: Caconda, Huila**

Br Afonso Rodrigues CSSP (Portuguese national, **killed**)

Fr Martinus "Ties" Thijssen CSSP (aged 70, Dutch national, **killed**)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Angola.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Angola.htm)



### **Gabon: Dibwangui, Boumi-Louetsi, Ngounie**

Br Michel Pierre CSSP (aged 38, French national, **killed**)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Gabon.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Gabon.htm)

**Friday March 17, 1976**



**Philippines**

Eunice Diment (missionary, British citizen, abducted [off Basilan Island](#) on [February 28, 1976](#) by the Moro National Liberation Front; **UPDATE**: released)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romulo\\_Espaldon#Kidnapping\\_of\\_Eunice\\_Diment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romulo_Espaldon#Kidnapping_of_Eunice_Diment)

**Sunday March 19, 1976**



**Vietnam: Cay Vong, near Nha Trang**

Archbishop Francois-Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan (aged 47, interrogated in [Ho Chi Minh City](#) on [August 15, 1975](#), arrested when he refused to admit his recent appointment as coadjutor archbishop was a Vatican plot, driven to Nha Trang [his previous episcopal assignment] and placed under house arrest; **UPDATE**: taken by police to the Phu Khanh Prison Camp, put into solitary confinement)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nguy%E1%BB%85n\\_V%C4%83n\\_Thu%E1%BA%ADn](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nguy%E1%BB%85n_V%C4%83n_Thu%E1%BA%ADn)  
[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL27907469M/The\\_Miracle\\_of\\_Hope](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL27907469M/The_Miracle_of_Hope)

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