

Today's Martyrs

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Events – July 1976

Sunday July 4, 1976



Argentina: Belgrano neighborhood, Buenos Aires

Three priests and two seminarians were **shot dead in their church by a military death squad**

Fr Alfredo Kelly SAC

Fr Alfredo Leaden SAC

Emilio Barletti SAC (seminarian)

Fr Pedro Duffau SAC

Salvador Barbeito SAC (seminarian)

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

Tuesday July 13, 1976



Russia: Moscow

Alexander Ogorodnikov (aged 26, Christian Seminar member, **UPDATE**: home searched by the KGB in his absence)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26180614M/Dissident_For_Life - page 77

Thursday July 15, 1976



Brazil: Meruri, General Carneiro, Mato Grosso

Lourenco Simao Cristino (Native American chief, **shot dead**)

Fr Rudolf Lunkenbein SDB (aged 37, West German citizen, **shot dead**)

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

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fde.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fRudolf_Lunkenbein

Friday July 16, 1976



Angola: Bela Vista, Bengo

Fr Domingo Felix Badia OCSO (aged 39, Spanish national, **killed**)

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

Sunday July 18, 1976



Argentina: Chamental, La Rioja province

Fr Carlos de Dios Murias OFM Conv (aged 30, abducted while dining at a convent)

Fr Gabriel Longueville (aged 45, French citizen, abducted while dining at a convent)

https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carlos_de_Dios_Murias - with translation

Tuesday July 20, 1976



Argentina: Chamental, La Rioja province

Fr Carlos de Dios Murias OFM Conv (aged 30, abducted on [July 18, 1976](#) while dining at a convent; **UPDATE: body found**, had been tortured)

Fr Gabriel Longueville (aged 45, French citizen, abducted on [July 18, 1976](#) while dining at a convent; **UPDATE: body found**, had been tortured)

https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carlos_de_Dios_Murias - with translation

Wednesday July 21, 1976



Russia: Moscow

Alexander Argentov (Christian Seminar member, sent a letter to Patriarch Pimen after one week in a psychiatric institution: "According to the doctors treating me, the only reason for my being interned is my belief in God and my devotion to the Orthodox Church...The worst are the doctors, who know nothing about religion. They try to convince me that my religious feelings are the result of a mental illness")

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Sunday July 25, 1976



Argentina: Sanogasta

Wenceslao Pedernera (aged 39, husband of Coca, father of Maria Rosa, Susana and Estela, labor organizer and collaborator of Bishop Enrique A Angelelli Carletti, **shot dead** in his home by four masked men in front of his family)

<http://martiresargentinos.blogspot.com/2012/07/wenceslao-pedernera-laico.html> - with translation

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1976.htm>

Tuesday July 27, 1976



Russia: Moscow

Alexander Ogorodnikov (aged 26, Christian Seminar member, **UPDATE**: managed to transmit a letter to the World Council of Churches exposing the holding of Alexander Argentov in a psychiatric hospital)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26180614M/Dissident_For_Life - page 77

Saturday July 31, 1976



Brazil: Almirante Tamandare, Parana

Fr Alberto Pierobon SX (aged 48, Italian citizen, **disappeared, body found 5 weeks later**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Brazil2.htm

<http://theologasia.ph/father-alberto-pierobon-xaverian-martyr/>

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