

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – December 1976

Wednesday December 1, 1976



Vietnam: Thu Duc Transit Camp, outside Ho Chi Minh City

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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

Sunday December 5, 1976



Zimbabwe - then Rhodesia: Lupane, Matabeleland

Fr Anton Weggartner CMM (aged 69, German citizen, **shot dead** by a guerrilla)

Sr Elsbeth van den Berg CPS (aged 41, German citizen, **shot dead** by a guerrilla)

Sr Ermenfried Knauer (shot by a guerrilla, pretended to be dead, survived, reported that the guerrilla could not look them in the eye and had shouted "missionaries are enemies of the people")

Bishop Gregor Schmitt CMM (aged 71, German citizen, **shot dead** by a guerrilla)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Zimbabwe.htm
<http://www.rhodesia.nl/mission.htm>

Friday December 10, 1976



Vietnam: Haiphong

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