

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – May 1979

Thursday May 3, 1979



Uganda: Pacwach, Arua

Fr Antonio Fiorante MCCI (aged 53, Italian citizen, **shot dead** in the mission church by soldiers)

Sr Paola (found the bodies of Fr Silvio Dal Maso and Fr Antonio Fiorante)

Fr Silvio Dal Maso MCCI (aged 66, Italian citizen, **shot dead** in the mission church by soldiers)

Sr Teresa (found the bodies of Fr Silvio Dal Maso and Fr Antonio Fiorante)

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

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Thursday May 17, 1979



United States – New Hampshire: Littleton

Fr Joseph Sands (aged 46, lured to a neighboring church after a mentally ill man and his accomplice wife took the people in the rectory hostage, **shot dead** after helping another hostage escape out a second floor window, told the hostage "If you want to get out alive, get out quick")

Patricia Lyons (wife of Benton Lyons, mother of Michael Lyons, church employee, held hostage at gunpoint, forced to lure Fr Joseph Sands to the church rectory, escaped)

Michael Lyons (aged 20, son of Benton and Patricia Lyons, held hostage at gunpoint, escaped with the help of Fr Joseph Sands)

[http://www.bishop-](http://www.bishop-accountability.org/news13/1979_05_13_NewMexican_PriestDies_Joseph_Sands_1.htm)

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