

Today's Martyrs – June 1979

Saturday June 9, 1979



Mexico: San Pedro el Alto, Estado de Mexico

Fr Juan Moran Samaniego (aged 36, **killed**)

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

Wednesday June 20, 1979



El Salvador: Suchitoto

Fr Rafael Palacios (**assassinated**)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rafael_Palacios_\(priest\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rafael_Palacios_(priest))

Sunday June 24, 1979



United States – California: Redondo Beach

Lucinda Lynn Schaefer (aged 16, abducted by two former convicts after leaving a church meeting, raped and tortured, denied time to pray before she was **strangled**)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lawrence_Bittaker_and_Roy_Norris#Lucinda_Lynn_Schaefer

June 1979, date unknown



Ethiopia

Fr Berhaneyesus Demerew Souraphiel (aged 31, arrested by the Derg [the Communist junta], held for 7 months)

Rev Gudina Tumsa (aged 50, theologian, arrested in **October 1978** after refusing to attend a government sponsored religious seminar; **UPDATE**: jailed, released after foreign appeals, refused to leave the country)

<https://dacb.org/stories/ethiopia/gudina-tumsa/>

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/ethiopias-cardinal-souraphiel-brings-african-family-values-to-the-college-of-cardinals-62148/>