

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – 1981 – unknown month



China

Bishop Dominic Tang Yee-ming SJ (aged 71, arrested in Guangdong, Guangdong province on February 5, 1958, held without charge or trial; **UPDATE**: released from prison most likely prior to February 5, 1981, left for Hong Kong for cancer treatment)

Fr Joseph Zhu Baoyu (aged 61, underground priest, sentenced to a forced labor camp in 1964, released by 1967; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment on counter-revolutionary charges, he had organized a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sheshan in Shanghai)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dominic_Tang

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Mgr-Joseph-Zhu-Baoyu,-bishop-emeritus-of-Nanyang,-has-passed-away-50019.html>

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/chinese-bishop-who-suffered-years-of-forced-labor-dies-at-98-76526>



Albania

Fr Ernest Simoni OFM (aged 53, expelled from the monastery by the government in 1948; arrested on December 24, 1963 for celebrating a Mass in memory of John F. Kennedy, later sentenced to death which was then commuted to 25 years imprisonment at hard labor; **UPDATE**: released from prison)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernest_Simoni



Czechoslovakia

Fr Frantisek Silhan SJ (aged 76, arrested March 18, 1950; sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment on treason and espionage charges on April 4, 1950; released in a 1965 amnesty; **UPDATE**: indicted on charges of hindering a state investigation, charges later dropped)

https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franti%C5%A1ek_%C5%A0ilhan - with translation