

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – December 1983

Monday December 12, 1983



Poland: Warsaw

Fr Jerzy Popieluszko (aged 36, Solidarity union chaplain, residence damaged by an explosive device on [December 14, 1982](#), not injured; spoke at the [May 19, 1983](#) funeral Mass for Grzegorz Przemyk [an 18 year old church cantor murdered by police] "Satan dared to perpetrate such a horrible crime that all Warsaw is mute with fear. He broke the thread of an innocent young life. In a brutal way, he deprived a mother of her only son"; followed and menaced by police while travelling on [August 30, 1983](#) to lead a retreat in [Gdynia](#), police cars filled the convent parking lot during the retreat; **UPDATE**: ordered to appear at a police station, spent hours with his attorneys undergoing minor questioning, taken back to his residence to find planted evidence including weapons and explosives, laughed at police, arrested, later released under pressure from the Church)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26627966M/Blessed_Jerzy_Popielusko

Wednesday December 14, 1983



Peru: Lima

Sr Joan Sawyer SSC (aged 51, Irish national, captured by inmates during a prison escape attempt, **shot dead** by police)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Peru.htm
<http://www.zoominfo.com/p/Joan-Sawyer/220698354>

December 1983, date unknown