

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – June 1994

Sunday June 5, 1994



Rwanda: Gakurazo, Muhanga

Tutsi RPF rebels murdered clergy they had been guarding

Fr Alfred Kayibanda (aged 44, **killed**)

Fr Bernard Ntamugabumwe (aged 32, **killed**)

Fr Denis Mutabazi (aged 78, **killed**)

Fr Emmanuel Uwimana (aged 30, **killed**)

Fr Fidele Gahonzire (aged 33, **killed**)

Fr Francois-Xavier Muligo (aged 39, **killed**)

Fr Innocent Gasabwoya (aged 74, **killed**)

Br Jean-Baptiste Nsinga (**killed**)

Fr Jean Marie Vianney Rwabilinda (aged 32, **killed**)

Bishop Joseph Ruzindana (aged 51, **killed**)

Fr Sylvestre Ndaberetse (aged 45, **killed**)

Bishop Thaddee Nsengiyumva (aged 45, issued the pastoral letter *Let Us Convert to Live Together in Peace* in **Kabgayi** in **December 1991** in which he decried ethnic hatred, assassinations, government exploitation of division, and Church inaction; made repeated appeals from **Kabgayi** in **April 1994** to stop the genocide, tried to aid refugees;
UPDATE: killed)

Archbishop Vincent Nsengiyumva (aged 59, **killed**)

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

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thadd%C3%A9e_Nsengiyumva

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kabgayi>

Tuesday June 7, 1994



Rwanda: Nyamirambo, Nyarugenge

Br Alexandre Kayitera (**killed**)

Br Emmanuel Itegekwanande (**killed**)

Br Gerard Rwaka (**killed**)

Br Louis Kaneza (**killed**)

Br Louis Rwahigi (**killed**)

Br Stanislas Gofi (**killed**)

Rwanda: Nyundo, Rubavu

Br Viateur Gakwerere (**killed**)

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Wednesday June 8, 1994



Philippines: Basilan

Fr Cirilo Nacorda (abducted, released 3 months later)

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

Friday June 10, 1994



Rwanda: Nyamirambo, Nyarugenge

Br Pierre Gacamumakuba (**killed**)

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Friday June 24, 1994



Iran

Mehdi Dibaj (aged 59, convert, arrested in 1983 in Sari, held without trial, tortured; sentenced to death for apostasy on December 3, 1993; released on January 16, 1994 after an international outcry; **UPDATE**: abducted)

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

Wednesday June 29, 1994



Iran: Tehran

Tateos Michaelian (aged 62, disappeared)

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/people/obituary-tateos-michaelian-1412187.html>

June 1994, date unknown



Turkey: Meer

Hurmus Diril (mayor, arrested after government forces destroyed the village)

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