

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – January 1996

Monday January 8, 1996



Ghana: Cape Coast

Two nuns were killed by a drunken man with a machete while walking on a beach

Sr Ann Patricia McAleese PBVM (aged 62, U.S. citizen, **killed**)

Sr Claudia Sybil Murphy MSOLA (aged 59, Canadian citizen, **killed**)

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

<http://www.nydailynews.com/archives/news/sad-city-nun-spiritual-journey-article-1.726810>



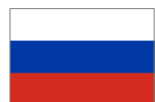
United States – Tennessee: Knoxville

Associate Pastor Reggie White (aged 34, professional football player, church destroyed in an arson attack, had donated \$1 million to the church to create a bank for the poor)

<https://www.wbir.com/article/news/20-years-unsolved-inner-city-church-arson-case/12008771>

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

Friday January 19, 1996



Russia: Moscow

Alexander Ogorodnikov (aged 45, Christian Seminar member, husband of Katya Brodenko, father of Dima Levashova, Vladimir Ogorodnikov and Denil Ogorodnikov; arrested in [Redkino](#) for parasitism on [November 20, 1978](#); released from prison on [February 14,](#)

1987 following a pardon from General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev; **UPDATE:** attacked by Ukrainian organized criminals who were trying to recover a female member of his Island of Hope homeless shelter, sprayed with acid, chin burned, attempt to kill him with an axe failed when the axe head flew off the handle)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26180614M/Dissident_For_Life - page 252-253

Sunday January 21, 1996



Philippines: Alat, Jolo island

Pastor Severino Bagtasos (aged 30, fiancé of Joy Dimerin, **shot dead** by a Muslim during a church service)

Joy Dimerin (fiancée of Pastor Severino Bagtasos, forgave his murderer, elected to continue his ministry)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/devotionals/standing-strong-through-the-storm/2018/08/22>

Saturday January 27, 1996



United States – Maine: Waterville

Four nuns were attacked by a mentally ill man

Sr Edna Mary Cardozo (aged 68, **killed**)

Sr Marie Julien Fortin (aged 67, **killed**)

Sr Mary Anna DiGiacomo (aged 72, hospitalized)

Sr Patricia Keane (aged 68, hospitalized)

<http://www.nytimes.com/1996/01/29/us/man-is-held-in-deaths-of-2-maine-nuns.html>

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