

# Today's Martyrs

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## Events – May 1997

**Thursday May 1, 1997**



### **Burundi: on the road to Karinzi, Kayanza**

Sr Claudine Buchwalder (aged 57, Swiss national, **killed** along with her driver when they ran over an antitank mine)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Burundi.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Burundi.htm)

<http://reliefweb.int/report/burundi/burundi-humanitarian-situation-report-no-8-25-apr-5-may-1997>

**Sunday May 11, 1997**



### **Rwanda**

#### **Six people are killed in an attack on a bus**

Fr Isaie Habakurama (**killed**)

Fr Pascal Yirirwahandi (**killed**)

<http://www.catholicculture.org/news/features/index.cfm?recnum=4949>

**Thursday May 15, 1997**



**Russia: Moscow**

Alexander Ogorodnikov (aged 46, 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:** Island of Hope homeless shelter closed after fraudulent documents were produced by police that purported he was no longer the operator, the shelter was re-opened later in the day after the intervention of foreign embassies, his soup kitchen was attacked the same day and most of the inventory was destroyed)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26180614M/Dissident\\_For\\_Life](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26180614M/Dissident_For_Life) - page 255

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