

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – July 2002

Monday July 8, 2002



Canada: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Fr John Kratko (aged 61, beaten into a coma, hospitalized)

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/PolandBorderSurnames-OBITUARIES/2002-07/1027388663>

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/news/martyrs2.htm>

Sunday July 14, 2002



Colombia: Mogotes, Santander region

Sr Marta Ines Velez Serna (aged 44, **shot dead** by masked gunmen)

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

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/news/martyrs2.htm>

Thursday July 18, 2002



Pakistan

Anwar Kenneth (mentally ill, convicted of blasphemy and sentenced to death for claiming to be an incarnation of Jesus Christ)

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/2136291.stm

Friday July 19, 2002



Canada: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Fr John Kratko (aged 61, beaten into a coma on July 8, 2002, hospitalized; **UPDATE: died**)

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Sunday July 21, 2002



Colombia: Medellin

Carlos Herras Jimenez (seminarian, **killed**)

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Thursday July 25, 2002



United States - Illinois: Plainfield

Fr Alexander Ratiu (aged 86, U.S. citizen, arrested in Giurtelecu Simleului, Romania in May 1947; released in July 1948; arrested in Oradea on October 19, 1948, imprisoned at Caldarusani; transferred to Sighet Prison in May 1950; transferred to Gherla Prison in July 1955; transferred to labor camps at Stramba, Stoienesti and Great Braila Island

beginning in 1959; released and placed under house arrest in Latesti, Ialomita county in 1962; released in 1964; allowed to leave for the United States in 1970; **UPDATE: died**, said on his deathbed "Spiritual freedom gives us courage, the courage to preach. So I preached freely and defended the faith when the persecution began, and I rejoiced when I was arrested")

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

Tuesday July 30, 2002



Cameroon: near Maroua

Br Ivo M Dominique Lascanne (**killed** by one of the street children he had rescued)

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July 2002, date unknown