

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – August 2002

Monday August 5, 2002



Burundi: on the road to Gitega

Fr Pierre Tondo (forced from his automobile by highwaymen and **shot dead**)

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

Saturday August 10, 2002



Congo, Republic

Fr Jean Guth CSSP (aged 62, French national, abducted by guerrillas on **March 31, 2002** in **Mayama**; **UPDATE: died** in captivity)

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Thursday August 15, 2002



Iraq: Baghdad

Sr Cecilia Moshe Hanna FCDCJ (aged 71, attacked by Islamic radicals in her convent, stripped, tortured for 5 hours, **beheaded**)

Sr Albertine FCDCJ (discovered the body of Sr Cecilia Moshe Hanna, their convent moved after the killers were released from prison in 2003 and one returned home across the street)

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

http://www.chaldeansonline.org/chaldeanews/chaldean_nun.html

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26474392M/Doves_in_Crimson_Fields - pgs 165-167



United States – New York: Manhattan

Worshippers at St Patrick’s Cathedral complained of a couple having sex in the cathedral for a radio program

Ren Brown (said "Unbelievable. I try not to judge, but that's just going too far")

Marjolainie Samson (Canadian citizen, called the incident "horrendous, but nowadays people will do anything to get publicity")

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/2002/08/16/couple-arrested-for-having-sex-in-new-york-city-cathedral.html>

Tuesday August 20, 2002



Solomon Islands: Guadalcanal

Fr Aufustin Geve (**killed** while mediating peace talks)

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