

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – August 2020

Wednesday August 5, 2020



Uganda: Budaca Town

Jalilu Kamutono (aged 20, convert, cousin of Ahmad Waisana, beaten by his family in [late July 2020](#) for converting to Christianity, rescued by passing Christians before he could be set on fire, hospitalized; **UPDATE: died of his injuries**)

Ahmad Waisana (aged 23, convert, cousin of Jalilu Kamutono, beaten with his cousin, hospitalized; **UPDATE:** said “I have been spending sleepless nights thinking of my best friend, Jalilu. The whole of my body is aching. I am not sure whether I will get well or die and go to be with Christ”)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2020/08/christian-dies-cousin-in-critical-condition-after-assault-in-uganda/>

Monday August 10, 2020



United States – Colorado: Denver

Archbishop Samuel Aquila (**UPDATE:** condemned the beheading of a statue of St Jude and the destruction of dozens of candles at a parish shrine on the [weekend before August 10, 2020](#): “it is troubling to see the increased reports of vandalism at Catholic churches this summer, both across the county and in our archdiocese”, called for prayers for the conversion of the perpetrator)

Sandra Bartolo (parishioner, said “This is not good. It’s ugly. I don’t have words. I don’t know why people are like that...I would pray for that person”)

Bernadette Medina Gonzalez (parishioner, said “That’s where people come and they leave their candles and pray because we can’t all fit into the church”)

Grace Silva (parishioner, said "The little courtyard is a place you can go to pray when you need to be by yourself. It's a meditation area. It's very calming")

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/denver-archbishop-praying-for-conversion-after-st-jude-statue-beheaded-88454>

<https://kdvr.com/news/vandals-behead-st-jude-statue-outside-historic-denver-church/>

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