

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Report – 2019-03-24 through 2019-03-30



Canada

Fr Marcin Mironiuk OMI (assaulted after Mass by a man who reeked of alcohol, thrown to the ground and choked, elderly parishioners beat off the attacker with their canes)

Date: March 13, 2019

Location: Edmonton, Alberta province

Source: https://globalnews.ca/news/5099476/edmonton-priest-attacked-elderly-women-canes/?utm_medium=Facebook&utm_source=globallethbridge&fbclid=IwAR11WH2zBrWuNjZs7iYSnbdMMrWSOI7jaKIhMfqTYwxC8RhE6r0PArhyjwg



China

Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-Kium SDB (aged 87, **UPDATE**: denied that he was disloyal to the Pope, said that the Vatican was wrong to not release the text of the concordant it signed in September 2018 with the Beijing government: “Even though it is provisional, it is still valid at this moment. We have to know the content so that we can follow it with our thoughts and actions. Otherwise, we cannot know whether we are following it or not”)

Date: March 22, 2019

Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/cardinal-zen-denies-disloyalty-to-the-pope/84824>

Yip Po-Lam (Justice and Peace Commission, convicted of disorderly conduct for a peaceful demonstration, sentenced to 2 weeks' imprisonment)

Alexander Yu (Hong Kong Catholic Institution Staff Association chairman, said the next day that Yip Po-Lam's sentence was “too heavy for someone who staged a peaceful protest...We agree with Yip's action as her motives were genuine when calling on the general public to examine the injustices of the development plan. The social teaching of the Catholic Church points out that our love for neighbors urges us to seek social justice”)

Jackie Hung (Justice and Peace Commission, said “Oppression by the government will not happen less. We have to be ready ... and continue to fight for justice”)

Date: March 27, 2019

Location: Hong Kong

Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/catholic-activist-jailed-after-hong-kong-court-rejects-appeal/84842>

Bishop Augustine Cui Tai (aged 68, disappeared in [mid-April 2018](#); allowed to return home on [January 24, 2019](#), banned from religious activities, weighed only 115 pounds due to ill health; **UPDATE**: arrested)

Date: March 29, 2019

Location: Hebei province

Fr Zhang Jianlin (disappeared while in police custody in [2011](#); **UPDATE**: arrested)

Date: March 28, 2019

Location: Hebei province

Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/chinese-bishop-back-in-detention-vicar-general-in-custody/84852>

Pastor Li Juncai (arrested along with three other parishioners while protesting the government's removal of a cross from the roof of their church)

Date: February 20, 2019

Location: Xinxiang, Henan province

Source: <https://barnabafund.org/us/news/chinese-pastor-arrested-for-protesting-as-church-cross-demolished-replaced-with-flagpole>



Ukraine

Fr Nikolai Sliva (husband, father of two babies, ordered evicted from his home by members of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine)

Date reported: March 28, 2019

Location: Kutrov village, Volyn province

Source: <http://orthochristian.com/120225.html>

Event: Members of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and known atheists attacked a Russian Orthodox Church

Fr Amphilochy Boloschenko (pelted with eggs, fingers bitten in an attempt to steal his staff)

Sr Dimitria Pasevich (beaten on the shoulder, chest, and face, thrown to the ground and kicked, said “There was terrible carnage in the church. After the moleben [prayer service] that we were there for, they started to drive us out, taking us by the collar to kick us out of the church, and beyond the gates of the church”)

Archpriest Orest Semotyuk (punched in the stomach, hospitalized with a pancreatic injury)

Date: March 10, 2019

Location: Baranovka village, Zhytomyr province

Source: <http://orthochristian.com/119974.html>

Archbishop Barsanuphius (assaulted by members of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine when he attempted to enter a church for the Divine Liturgy, rescued by parishioners and pulled into the church)

Fr Basil (organized the rescue of Archbishop Barsanuphius, had been locked inside the church along with his congregation by the demonstrators)

Date: March 17, 2019

Location: Luka-Meleshkovskaya village, Vinnitsa province

Source: <http://orthochristian.com/119982.html>



United Kingdom

Izzy Montague (parent, met with school officials in June 2018 to discuss her child's mandatory attendance at a pro-homosexual rally; **UPDATE**: reported that her child was repeatedly placed in detention after she requested that the child be allowed to opt out of the rally, has filed a lawsuit against the school)

Date: March 26, 2018

Location: South East London

Source: <https://www.christianconcern.com/our-issues/family/mother-challenges-school-over-treatment-after-forced-lgbt-pride-complaint>

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