# **Today's Martyrs**

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

## Weekly Report – 2021-01-24 through 2021-01-30



#### Canada

Jonathan Bradley (aged 21, journalism student, fired from his university newspaper in June 2020 for past acknowledgments of Christian teachings on sexuality; **UPDATE**: has filed a discrimination complaint with the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal)

Date reported: January 29, 2021

Location: Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario

Source: <a href="https://lifesitenews.com/news/canadian-journalism-student-sacked-from-school-paper-because-of-his-catholic-views">https://lifesitenews.com/news/canadian-journalism-student-sacked-from-school-paper-because-of-his-catholic-views</a>

David McLoone (LifeSiteNews writer, reported that LifeSiteNews had been banned from Twitter for stating "Biden names transgender 'woman' as Assistant Secretary of Health. 'Rachel' Levine is a father of two who divorced his wife in 2013 after 30 years of marriage")

Date: January 19, 2021

Source: <a href="https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/twitter-suspends-two-lifesite-accounts-for-calling-transgender-woman-a-man">https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/twitter-suspends-two-lifesite-accounts-for-calling-transgender-woman-a-man</a>



#### **United States**

Pastor Michael L. Brown (**UPDATE**: banned for 12 hours from Twitter after posting "Will I get punished by Twitter for saying that, in God's sight, 'Rachel' Levine [nominated by Biden to be his assistant secretary for HHS] is a man?", wrote "what about Twitter's extraordinary double standards, as Bible-believing conservatives like me get bashed and mocked and cursed by the minute on these platforms, specifically for being who we are and believing what we believe, and that is somehow fine and dandy")

Date: January 24, 2021

Source: <a href="https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/i-just-got-locked-out-of-twitter-for-stating-the-biological-reality-about-one-of-bidens-new-team">https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/i-just-got-locked-out-of-twitter-for-stating-the-biological-reality-about-one-of-bidens-new-team</a>

## **United States - California**

Grace Andonian (school principal, school vandalized with Azeri and anti-Armenian graffiti, said "As I came today at 8 this morning, I saw the graffiti on the walls. I was shocked. I was

appalled. The community is in shock. Our families, students, alumni, they were all in shock to see these hate messages on the wall")

Date: July 25, 2020 Location: San Francisco

Source: <a href="https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/SF-Armenian-school-community-center-vandalized-15434127.php">https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/SF-Armenian-school-community-center-vandalized-15434127.php</a>

## **Event: Armenian church office and library destroyed by arson**

Fr Smpad Saboundjian (church office, library, and Sunday school destroyed in an arson attack)

Rostom Aintablian (church trustee, said "They set three different fires, two on the bottom floor, and one on the middle floor")

Alex Bastian (District Attorney's Office deputy chief of staff, parishioner, tweeted "For some context, in our history and around the globe, every time Armenians have been targeted, they come for our churches and our schools. But you know what? It's very hard to terrorize my community, no matter how hard people try. We are hardened by the millennia of hardship and the centuries of injustice. Most of us in the community, are refugees, or the children of refugees, from war zones around the world")

Date: September 17, 2020 Location: San Francisco

Source: <a href="https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Armenian-church-St-Gregory-Illuminator-fire-15576044.php">https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Armenian-church-St-Gregory-Illuminator-fire-15576044.php</a>

and https://stgregorysf.org/parish-priest/

Matt Hadro (Catholic World Report writer, wrote an article that triggered Twitter to ban Catholic World Report, the article stated "Biden plans to nominate Dr. Rachel Levine, a biological man identifying as a transgender woman...")

Carl E. Olsen (Catholic World Report writer, wrote concerning their Twitter ban "Twitter is clearly indicating that unless CWR and other outlets jump through arbitrary and constantly-changing rhetorical and ideological hoops, they cannot use Twitter. Just as bad, Twitter is implicitly making CWR admit to hateful or bigoted language, even though such was never the case. Not only is such an approach subjective in nature, it is an overtly biased, unfair, and discriminatory approach that both stifles free speech and undermines CWR's right to report on current events")

Date: January 23, 2021 Location: San Francisco

Source: https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2021/01/28/twitter-freezes-cwrs-account-over-news-story-on-transgendered-dr-rachel-levine/

## **United States - New Jersey**

Pastor Jonathan Cahn (video entitled "Prophetic Message To Joe Biden" shadowbanned [i.e., deleted from search engine query results] by Google and YouTube, YouTube reversed the shadowban days later, but Goggle did not)

Date: January 25, 2021 Location: Wayne Source: https://www.theamericanconservative.com/dreher/jonathan-cahn-big-tech-vs-christians/

## **United States - New York**

Fr Guy Massie (live-streamed Masses blocked by Facebook, reason unknown)

Date: February 22, 2021 Location: Brooklyn

Source: https://netny.tv/episodes/currents/facebook-blocks-brooklyn-parish-from-livestreaming-

masses/

#### **United States - Ohio**

## Event: Pro-abortion demonstrators trespass a cathedral and disrupt Mass

Bishop Robert J Brennan (Mass interrupted by pro-abortion demonstrators who chanted "Two, four, six, eight, this Church teaches hate", "Jesus hates you", and "If hell is real, you can burn in it")

Bishop Edward Malesic (said after the Mass "There are two sides here, and it's very odd. Let me tell you, if I was an outside observer, I know exactly which side I would choose. There's beauty and there's ugliness. There's peace and there's violence. There's love and there's hatred. There's life and there's death")

Date: January 22, 2021 Location: Columbus

Source: <a href="https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/pro-life-mass-in-columbus-cathedral-disrupted-by-pro-abortion-protesters">https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/pro-life-mass-in-columbus-cathedral-disrupted-by-pro-abortion-protesters</a>

Fr Mark Hodges (suspended from ministry after being present at the January 6, 2021 demonstration at the U.S. Capitol despite his efforts to calm the crowd, to protect the police from attack, and leaving before the riot fully broke out - the suspension was provoked by misrepresentations made by Orthodox LGBT activists)

Date reported: January 25, 2021

Source: <a href="https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/priest-suspended-for-attending-jan-6-dc-rally-is-target-of-lgbt-attacks">https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/priest-suspended-for-attending-jan-6-dc-rally-is-target-of-lgbt-attacks</a>

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