

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Commentary - 2019-06-16 through 2019-06-22

If there is a theme to this week's report ([please click here to read in full](#)), it is chaos and anarchy.

Perhaps the ultimate story comes from Colombia, where a bishop described the “terrifying” levels of criminal violence in his diocese. We decided to not include some of the most sinister descriptions from the original story in our synopsis, for a number of reasons, but the reader can click on the link in our report if he or she is brave enough. Let's just say the bishop had good reason to say he wanted to throw holy water on his city and port from a helicopter in a rite of exorcism. All Christians who try to live the Gospel in such a place must have a target on their backs. Please pray for them.

The Colombian chaos is due to the complete defeat of civil society and the consequent failure of government. In most of the other stories, from Egypt, India, Niger, Nigeria, and Pakistan, we see deliberate persecution of Christian minorities by the Hindu or Muslim majorities, and the subsequent government failures are due to a sharing in the beliefs of these majorities. In the Philippines we see how the government has been perpetrating mass murder in the name of fighting anarchy – a self defeating policy – and the Christians who have actively opposed it. In China and the United Kingdom we see governments deliberately oppressing Christians with state order and power, which creates chaos due to its arbitrary nature.

The good life can be achieved, but only by living in God's grace, which gives both freedom and structure. May it please God that we turn more to Him for protection and relief from harm and evil in the coming days.

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