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Martyrs from the World Around Us

Mexican Martyrs

St. José Sánchez del Río (1913–1928)



St. José Sánchez del Río was a 14-year-old boy who joined the Cristero movement during the persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico. Captured by government forces, he refused to renounce his faith. He was tortured and executed, crying out '¡Viva Cristo Rey!' ('Long live Christ the King!'). Canonized by Pope Francis in 2016, he is a patron of youth and a symbol of courage.

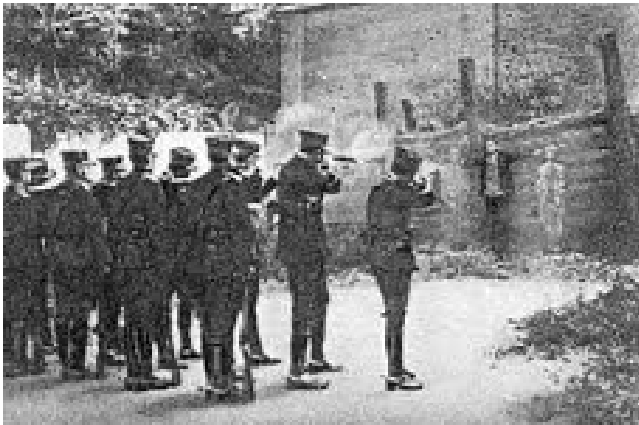
St. Cristóbal Magallanes (1869–1927) & St. Mateo Correa Magallanes (1866–1927)



St. Cristóbal Magallanes was a parish priest and leader who organized seminaries and supported the faith during the Mexican persecution. He was arrested without trial and executed in 1927.

St. Mateo Correa Magallanes was a priest devoted to caring for the poor and prisoners. He was martyred after refusing to break the seal of confession, protecting the sacred trust of his flock. Both men were canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II among the 25 Mexican Martyrs.

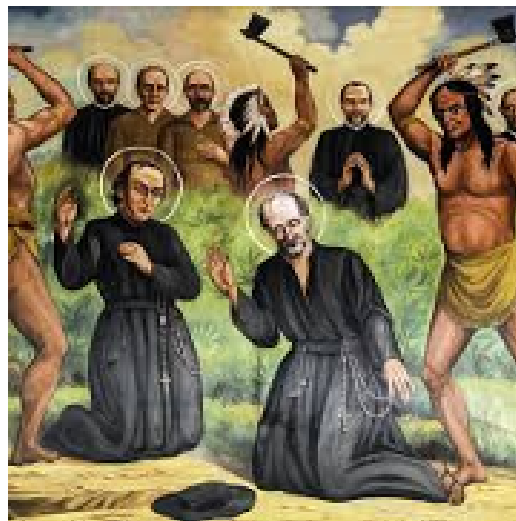
St. Miguel Agustín Pro (1891–1927)



Viva Cristo Rey!

St. Miguel Agustín Pro was a Jesuit priest who carried out a secret ministry during the persecution of the Church in Mexico. He celebrated Mass in homes, heard confessions, and helped the poor while in constant danger. Falsely accused of involvement in a political plot, he was executed by firing squad in 1927. With arms outstretched in the form of a cross, his last words were “**Viva Cristo Rey!**” His martyrdom was captured in photographs that spread worldwide as testimony of his faith.

North American Martyrs



The North American Martyrs were eight Jesuit missionaries from France who served among the Indigenous peoples of North America during the 17th century. They were killed between 1642 and 1649 in present-day Canada and upstate New York. Their courage, faith, and sacrifice are honored in the Catholic Church, where they were canonized as saints in 1930.

- **St. Isaac Jogues (1607–1646):** Missionary to the Huron and Iroquois, tortured and martyred in New York.
- **St. Jean de Brébeuf (1593–1649):** Known for his strength and writings about the Huron language; martyred in Canada.
- **St. Gabriel Lalemant (1610–1649):** Companion of Brébeuf, martyred in Canada.
- **St. Antoine Daniel (1601–1648):** Killed while defending his flock during an Iroquois raid.
- **St. Charles Garnier (1606–1649):** Died while serving Huron converts.
- **St. Noël Chabanel (1613–1649):** Teacher of Huron children, killed by a disaffected convert.
- **St. René Goupil (1608–1642):** Lay brother and physician, first to be martyred.
- **St. Jean de Lalande (d. 1646):** Young layman assisting Isaac Jogues, killed with him.



St. Isaac Jogues



St. Kateri Tekakwitha

The North American Martyrs' sacrifice bore fruit in the spread of Christianity across North America, remembered in shrines such as Midland, Ontario, and Auriesville, New York. They stand as examples of faith, courage, and love of Christ.

Ten years after the martyrdom of St Isaac Jogues, a Mohawk girl named Kateri Tekakwitha was born to a Mohawk chief and a Christian Algonquin mother in New York. Orphaned and left partially blind by smallpox, she began religious instruction and was baptized a Catholic on Easter Sunday 1676. Known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," she died on April 17, 1680, at age twenty-four.

Chinese Martyrs



The Chinese Martyrs gave their lives in witness to the Catholic faith during waves of persecution. Notably, **St. Augustine Zhao Rong and companions** were martyred in the 19th and early 20th centuries. They stand as powerful examples of courage and steadfastness in the face of hostility.

Vietnamese Martyrs



The Vietnamese Martyrs, including **St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and companions**, suffered persecution in the 18th and 19th centuries. Their witness reveals the strength of faith and the spread of the Gospel in Vietnam despite severe opposition.

Philippine Martyrs



The Philippine Martyrs include missionaries and local faithful who offered their lives for Christ in the Philippines. They are remembered for their evangelizing zeal and commitment to the Catholic Church in times of trial.

St Lorenzo Ruiz and **St. Pedro Calungsod** are among the many who have given their lives for the sake of Jesus and the church.