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## **THE NAMES OF PASTORAL WORKERS, KILLED IN THE YEAR 2015**

*“Yesterday, as today, the darkness of the denial of life appears. But shining still stronger is the light of love that overcomes hatred and inaugurates a new world”*

*(Pope Francis, Angelus of 26 December, 2015)*

**VATICAN - PASTORAL CARE WORKERS KILLED IN 2015**

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**Vatican City (Agenzia Fides)** - The wake of pastoral workers killed in this historic phase of humanity reveals an unprecedented upsurge. It seems to have no equal in the history, because it is an ongoing globalized persecution. Indeed Christians killed in this year, that our Agency regularly records, belong to 4 continents. America, already for seven consecutive years has the sad primacy with eight pastoral workers killed. Followed by Asia with seven, Africa with five and finally Europe with two priests in Spain.

These numbers are just the tip of the iceberg of global persecution of Christians that, as we read in the Letter to Diognetus, love all, and are persecuted by all. Isis, Boko Haram, discrimination in various countries where religion is an affair of State, make being a Christian difficult and heroic, subject to attacks and massacres. It is necessary that Christ is in agony until the end of the world, when there will be the Kingdom of justice and peace.

With this dossier and with the timely information of this persecution, our Agency aims to bring to light these dramas of humanity, in order to arouse the conscience of all people of good will to build a more just and supportive society. (Fr. Vito Del Prete, PIME)

**Vatican City (Agenzia Fides)** - According to information in our possession, during 2015, 22 pastoral care workers were killed worldwide, three more compared to 2013. For the seventh consecutive year, the place most affected, with an extremely elevated number of pastoral care workers killed is AMERICA.

From 2000 to 2015, 396 pastoral workers, including 5 Bishops were killed worldwide.

The pastoral care workers who died violently in 2015 are: 13 priests, 4 religious sisters, 5 lay people. In America: 8 pastoral care workers were killed (7 priests, one religious sister); in Africa 5 pastoral care workers were killed (3 priests, 1 religious sister); in Asia 7 pastoral care workers were killed (1 priest, 2 religious sisters, 4 lay people); in Europe two priests were killed.

Once again the majority of the pastoral care workers in 2015 were killed in attempted robbery, and in some cases violently attacked, a sign of the climate of moral decline, economic and cultural poverty, which generates violence and disregard for human life. They all lived in these human and social contexts, administering the sacraments, helping the poor, taking care of orphans and drug addicts, following development projects or simply opening the door of their home to anyone. And some were murdered by the same people who they helped. "Yesterday, as today, the darkness of the denial of life appears. But shining still stronger is the light of love that overcomes hatred and inaugurates a new world" (*Pope Francis, Angelus of 26 December 2015*).

There is still much concern regarding the fate of other pastoral care workers kidnapped or have disappeared, of whom we have not had any news, such as the three Congolese Augustinian priests of the Assumption, kidnapped in the Democratic Republic of Congo

in October 2012; the Italian Jesuit Fr. Paolo Dall'Oglio, abducted in Syria in 2013, or Franciscan Fr. Dhya Azziz, a priest in Syria of whom we have had no news since December 23. Other priests are still missing.

As it has been for some time, Fides' list does not only include missionaries *ad gentes* in the strict sense, but all pastoral care workers who died violent deaths. We do not propose to use the term "martyrs", if not in its etymological meaning of "witnesses" since it is up to the Church to judge their possible merits and also because of the scarcity of available information in most cases, with regard to their life and even the circumstances of their death.

As further proof of the fact that the Church of Christ is "Catholic" for the blood shed by her children, and not just today, on all continents, we recall that in 2015 the diocesan phase of the cause of beatification of the Bishop of La Rioja, Argentina, **Mgr. Enrique Angelelli** began, who was assassinated in 1976 by the military dictatorship, whose culprits were sentenced only 38 years later.

Even in Rwanda a married couple of martyrs, **Cyprien and Daphrose Rugamba**, the cause of beatification was opened in Kigali.

When they were killed on April 7, 1994, during the genocide, they had opened the doors of their home to a hundred children who were orphaned and alone, who they did not want to abandon. They worked for peace and were killed while they were spending the night in prayer.

On May 23, in San Salvador, **Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero Galdámez**, was killed "in odium fidei", and was beatified on March 24, 1980.

"Mgr. Romero was assassinated because he loved the poor, following the example of his Master, Jesus of Nazareth. He dedicated his life to them, giving up the comfortable solution to abandon the sheep and run away like mercenaries", wrote the Episcopal Conference of El Salvador in the message for the beatification.

"Martyrs of faith and charity, witnesses of hope" is how the three martyred missionaries in Peru were defined, the Polish Franciscans **Miguel Tomaszek** and **Zbigniew Strzalkowski**, and the Italian diocesan priest **Alessandro Dordi**, beatified in Chimbote, Peru, on December 5. They were killed in 1991 by guerrillas of the Shining Path, for their defense of Gospel values and for their work with the poor.

Even South Africa celebrated its first Blessed: **Benedict Daswa**, husband and father, passionate teacher and catechist, beatified on September 13. His great moral courage and his passion for the truth led him to oppose the beliefs and practices of witchcraft, and this courageous witness of faith led him to martyrdom in 1990.

The provisional list compiled annually by Fides, must therefore be added to the long list of many of whom there may never be news, who in every corner of the world suffer and even pay with their lives for their faith in Christ. The provisional lists drawn up annually

by Fides, must always be added to the long list of many, of which perhaps you will never have news or that you do not even know the name, which in every corner of the planet suffer and pay with their lives their faith in Jesus Christ.

(SL) (Fides 30/12/2015)

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### AMERICA

In America 8 pastoral care workers were killed: 2 in Mexico, 2 in Colombia, 1 priest and 1 nun in Brazil, 1 priest in Venezuela, 1 priest in Argentina.

**In Mexico:** Both Fr. Francisco Javier Gutiérrez Diaz and Fr. Erasto Pliego de Jesus were kidnapped in their parishes and were killed the following day.

**In Colombia:** Fr. Fernando Meza Luna and Fr. Luis Alfonso Leon Pereira were killed in a violent manner during an attempted robbery in their parishes.

**In Brazil:** Fr. Antonio Alves de Almeida was found with his hands tied and stabbed, most likely the victim of an attempted robbery; Sister Irma Odete Francisca was attacked by a man attempting a burglary and she died of eight knife wounds to her back

**In Venezuela:** Father Gilbert Dasna was killed by a criminal.

**In Colombia:** The lifeless body of Franciscan Alex Pinto was found days after his disappearance.

**In Argentina:** Fr. Luis Jesus Cortez was killed in his home. Then his house was set on fire and he died of strangulation.

### AFRICA

In Africa 5 pastoral care workers were killed: 2 in Nigeria, 1 in the Central African Republic of Congo, 1 sister in South Africa, 1 lay volunteer worker in Kenya.

**In Nigeria:** Fr. Goodwill Onyeka was killed in an attempted street robbery and also Fr. Dennis Osuagwu was ambushed and killed while travelling on the Nekede Avu Road.

**In the Central African Republic of Congo:** Father Jean-Paul Kakule Kyalembere was killed in what appears to be an act of banditry .

**In South Africa:** Sister Stefani Tiefenbacher was found bound and gagged. The nun died suffocated.

**In Kenya:** Rita Fossaceca, a volunteer worker, was killed during a robbery.

### ASIA

In Asia 7 pastoral care workers were killed: 3 lay persons in Syria, 2 nuns in India, 1 lay person in Bangladesh.

**In Syria:** Both Caritas operator Safouh Al-Mosleh and 2 young Salesian operators: Syrian brothers, Anwar Samaan and Misho Samaan were killed during the launch of intense grad missiles on the districts of Aleppo.

**In India:** Sister Jose Mariya and sister Amala Valummel died after suffering an attack in their convent

**In Bangladesh:** Cesare Tavella, international aid worker engaged in food security projects was riddled by bullets fired by some men on motorcycles

**In the Philippines:** Fr. Erasto Pliego de Jesus was kidnapped from his parish and killed

## **EUROPE**

In Europe 2 pastoral care workers were killed.

**In Spain:** Fr. Adolfo Enríquez's body was found in a haystack behind the parish house, while Fr. Carlos Martinez Perez was the victim of a brutal assault on the door of his home.

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH**

*Fides News Agency welcomes any extra information or correction to this year's list or to those of previous years*

The treasurer of the parish of Mweso (in North Kivu, eastern Democratic Republic of Congo), **Father Jean-Paul Kakule Kyalembere**, was killed in an apparent robbery attempt on the evening of 25 February. "It appears to be an act of banditry" says to Agenzia Fides His Exc. Mgr. Théophile Kaboy Ruboneka, Bishop of Goma. "The priest was closing the doors of the church when he discovered one or more gunmen who were hiding somewhere. The criminals fired without hesitation, hitting him in the abdomen and head. Fr. Kakule died". The Bishop of Goma highlights that "in our diocese there are many gangs that terrorize the population and there are too many weapons in circulation. "There are also nuns among the victims of violence and extortion". The pastor of the same church in which Fr. Kakule was killed, had escaped an murder attempt in November.

See Agenzia Fides 27/02/2015

The body of **Fr. Adolfo Enríquez**, 77, was found on Wednesday, March 11 in a haystack behind the parish house, where he went every night to feed the cats. Probably he had been killed the day before. The priest was the pastor of Vilanova dos Infantes (diocese of Orense, Galicia, Spain) since 1969, he was well-liked by the community and his house was open to all. He had long committed himself to making the shrine of Our Lady of Cristal a place of pilgrimage.

See Agenzia Fides 16/03/2015

**Father Fernando Meza Luna**, pastor of the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, in the neighborhood of Versailles of Sincelejo (Colombia) was shot to death after a violent attempted robbery. The parishioners immediately transported the wounded priest to Santa Maria Clinic, but unfortunately died. The terrible incident occurred on Saturday night, March 21, around 9 pm local time. According to the testimony of neighbors, the priest had already been the subject of a first attempt of theft two months ago.

See Fides 23/03/2015

**Sister Jose Mariya**, apparently died of natural causes in her convent in Erattupetta (Kottayam district, in the Indian state of Kerala) in April 2015. Only months later, when the murderer of another nun, always killed in Kerala, was caught by the police confessed the murder of Sister Jose. It seems that the reason for both crimes is theft.

The operator of Caritas Syria, **Safouh Al-Mosleh**, was killed at noon on Tuesday, April 7, in the bombing that hit his home, located in Farhat square, where Greek-Catholic, Armenian and Maronite cathedrals are concentrated. According to the reconstruction provided by Caritas Internationalis, Safouh Al Mosleh's family had already been evacuated, and he had returned home to check that everything was alright when the house was hit by artillery shells. Safouh was about forty years old, and belonged to the Greek-Catholic community and had started working for Caritas more than a year ago.

See Agenzia Fides 09/04/2015.

**Father Francisco Javier Gutiérrez Díaz**, of the Congregation of the Workers of the Kingdom of Christ, had disappeared on April 6 after leaving his parish of Nuestra Señora del Rosario in Salvatierra, (in the Mexican state of Michoacan). His lifeless body was found two days later on the outskirts of Salvatierra. Father Francisco Javier was born in Arandas (Jalisco) and was 60 years old and is remembered as an exemplary priest, who had carried out his pastoral work in different places, with great commitment and appreciation by all.

See Agenzia Fides 09/04/2015

Two young Syrian brothers, **Anwar Samaan**, 21 and **Misho Samaan**, 17, Salesian animators, along with their mother Minerva, caused by a rocket which hit their house on 10 April, 2015. The launch of intense grad missiles on the districts of Aleppo which has a significant presence of Christians, which caused at least 20 deaths. "Anwar and Misho - reads the statement of the Salesians in the Middle East - spent their childhood and youth in the house of Don Bosco, and as animators they have left in the soul of many a sign of joy and love of life".

See Agenzia Fides 14/04/2015

**Sister Stefani Tiefenbacher** CPS (Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood), was killed in the night between Saturday 19 and Sunday, April 20 in her room, in the mission of the Sacred Heart of Ixopo, in the province of KwaZulu-Natal, in the east of South Africa. A nun found her bound and gagged. The nun died suffocated. Sister Tiefenbacher, 86 years old, Austrian, dedicated herself to the poor children of the local community. Three people were arrested by the police on charges of murder, robbery and rape. See Agenzia Fides 21/04/2015; 29/04/2015

A Nigerian Catholic priest of the diocese of Oyo, **Fr. Goodwill Onyeka**, was killed together with his younger brother, Onyeka Obi, in an attempted robbery. The event took place on the evening of 1 June 2015 on the way to Owo-Oba-Akoko, in the state of Ondo, in southern Nigeria.

Some bandits tried to stop the vehicle where the priest was travelling and was heading towards Lagos, with his brother. The driver attempted a desperate escape, but the bullets fired by the criminals hit the fuel tank, causing it to explode. The driver managed to escape the flames, bringing wounds and burns, but the priest and his brother died immediately.

See Agenzia Fides 02/06/2015

**Fr. Antonio Alves de Almeida**, 67, chaplain of the Bosque da Paz Cemetery, was found with his hands tied and stabbed, most likely the victim of an attempted robbery on 10 June 2015. Many faithful attended the funeral of the priest in the parish of St. Francis of Assisi in the neighborhood of Boca do Rio, Salvador Bahia. The priest had just celebrated 40 years of priesthood.

An elderly Spanish priest, **Fr. Luis Alfonso León Pereira**, was brutally murdered in the sacristy as he was about to celebrate the Eucharistic liturgy. The tragic event happened on Wednesday evening, July 15 in the parish of St. Mary Mother of the Church in Barrio Sucre, an area in the city of Montería (Colombia).

The priest was killed by a homeless, who had entered the parish with the intent to steal. It was when the priest discovered he was carrying out the theft that the homeless hit him with a broken bottle in the face and mortally wounded him in the neck.

Father Luis Alfonso León Pereira had arrived in Montería in 1968, after his ordination in Charalà.

Currently he was pastor of the church of St. Anthony of Padua, but in recent days he was substituting the pastor of the church where he was assassinated.

See Agenzia Fides 16/07/2015.

**Fr. Carlos Martinez Perez**, 75, died on July 16 2015, victim of a brutal assault on the door of his home after celebrating the Eucharist in the church of San Leandro convent, where he was a chaplain.

He died due to his wounds caused by a large knife with which he was attacked. The alleged murderer was arrested, it seems he was killed by the priest's former brother-in-law, who blamed Fr. Carlos for the failure of his marriage with his sister. The man was being treated at a psychiatric hospital, and after killing the priest he went his ex-wife's home. Fr. Carlos Martinez was born in Seville on November 28, 1939 and was ordained a priest in May 1972. He had a degree in economics and geography and historical sciences and was parochial vicar in St. Isidore, San Ildefonso and Santiago, as well as chaplain of San Leandro.

See Agenzia Fides 17/07/2015

The body of the Franciscan priest (OFM) **Alex Pinto** was found on July 20 2015, along the road linking Ciudad Bolivar to Puerto Ordaz by some confreres and police who were patrolling the area. The body had been set on fire and showed signs of decomposition. The priest had disappeared on 15 July and on Friday 17 his truck was found burned near Ciudad Bolivar. The religious, in his fifties is remembered as a person completely dedicated to serving God and the needs of the people.

See Agenzia Fides 21/07/2015

**Sister Irma Odete Francisca**, aged 65, a member of the Institute of the Franciscan Sisters of Siessen, was murdered on 24 July 2015 at La Estrella Drug Rehabilitation Centre, in the town of Guaratinguetá, in the Brazilian state of Sao Paulo. The sister, attacked by a man attempting a burglary, died of eight knife wounds to her back. See Agenzia Fides 25/07/2015

**Fr. Dennis Osuagwu**, a Claretian father (Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary), was ambushed and killed while travelling on the Nekede Avu Road in Nekede on 15 August 2015. The priest was serving in the Archdiocese of Owerri, in southern Nigeria, was also on the staff of Imo Polytechnic School, in Enwerem. See Agenzia Fides 17/08/2015

**Fr. Luis Jesus Cortez**, 73, pastor emeritus of the parish of Our Lady of Mercy of the city of Alta Gracia (Argentina), was killed in his home on Saturday, August 29, when firemen intervened to extinguish the fire that broke out. At first it was thought that the priest had died from the consequences of the fire, however, the authorities found traces of strangulation on the body, so the fire was probably started by the criminals to disguise the murder.

See Agenzia Fides 01/09/2015

Carmelite **Sister Amala Valummel**, 69, was found dead in her cell in the convent of Palai, in Kerala, a state in the South of India, by the sisters who did not see her during the morning Mass on September 17, 2015.

The nun had several head injuries. Police suspect she was killed during an attempted robbery. About 500 rupees were missing in a room next to Sister Amala's. The nun was from Ramapuram near Palai.

See Agenzia Fides 18/09/2015

Italian aid worker **Cesare Tavella** was killed in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on September 28, 2015, riddled by bullets fired by some men on motorcycles, while he was jogging. Tavella, 51, a veterinarian, had lived in several countries, to teach how to raise animals in developing countries. Since 1993 he worked in the international cooperation following food security projects and development of rural areas for different organizations, especially in Asia.

See Agenzia Fides 29/09/2015

Catholic priest **Antonio Magalso**, 44, was stabbed to death on 29 September, in the city of Tanjay, Negros Island, central Philippines.

Member of the diocesan clergy of Dumaguete, Fr. Magalso was a simple parish priest, much loved by his people, dedicated to the pastoral life. He was also the head of the Diocesan Commission of the Biblical. The priest was going to celebrate Mass in a village of his parish, when he was stabbed to death. Most likely the murderer was a man with mental problems.

See Fides 30/09/2015

**Fr. Erasto Pliego de Jesus**, parish priest since 2011 of Our Lady of the Nativity in Cuyoaco, in the Archdiocese of Puebla (Mexico) had disappeared on the morning of 13 November. His house was found in a mess, furniture drawers on the floor and traces of blood on a chair and carpet. On 17 November, in the countryside surrounding the site of the kidnapping, the lifeless body of the priest was found. The body was burned, and had a deep wound to the head. It is assumed that the reasons of his death is due to a robbery which ended in murder.

See Agenzia Fides 17 and 18/11/2015

An Italian doctor, **Rita Fossaceca**, 51, radiologist at the Maggiore Hospital in Novara, was killed on November 28, 2015 and three of her compatriots were wounded in Kenya, in Mijomboni, a small village near Malindi, where she was working on behalf of an international humanitarian organization. The woman was killed as she was trying to defend her mother during an attempted robbery in their home. They were supposed to return to Italy after a few hours later, at the end of a two-week period spent in the orphanage that she had wanted to open to help the abandoned children, the sick and those in need of care and affection. As the Bishop of Novara, His Exc. Mgr. Franco Giulio Brambilla highlighted during the funeral, the orphanage "is the meaning of her whole life. It was her passion, she spoke about her projects to colleagues, gathering resources, calling on others to give her a hand, to work with her, to go on holiday in an alternative way...

Many of our missionaries, priests and lay people, once they leave, no longer want to return. Rita was a generous and happy person. She was a doctor who did not only give her help in Africa, but wherever she was".

## SUMMARY OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR 2015

N°	Name and Surname	Nationality	Institute or Diocese	Date and place of birth
1.	Fr. Jean-Paul Kakule Kyalembera	Congo DR	Diocesan	25/2 – Mweso (Congo DR)
2.	Fr. Adolfo Enríquez	Spain	Diocesan	10/3 - Celanova (Spain)
3.	Fr. Fernando Meza Luna	Colombia	Diocesan	21/3 – Sincelejo (Colombia)
4	Sister Jose Mariya	India	Congregation of the Sacred Heart (SH)	18/4 – Chettuthode (India)
5.	Safouh Al-Mosleh	Syria	Caritas Operator	7/4 – Aleppo (Syria)
6.	Fr. Francisco Javier Gutiérrez Díaz	Mexico	Congregation of the Workers of the Kingdom of Christ	7/4 (?) . Salvatierra (Mexico)
7	Anwar Samaan	Syria	Salesian animator	10/4 – Aleppo (Syria)
8	Misho Samaan	Syria	Salesian animator	10/4 – Aleppo (Syria)
9.	Sister Stefani Tiefenbacher	Austria	Congregation of the Precious Blood CPS	19-20/4 - Ixopo (South Africa)
10.	Fr. Goodwill Onyeka	Nigeria	Diocesan	1/6 – Ondo (Nigeria)
11.	Fr. Antonio Alves de Almeida	Brazil	Diocesan	10/6 - Boca do Rio (Brazil)
12.	Fr. Luis Alfonso León Pereira	Colombia	Diocesan	15/7 - Montería (Colombia)
13.	Don Carlos Martinez Perez	Spain	Diocesan	16/7 – Siviglia (Spain)
14.	Fr. Alex Pinto	Venezuela	Franciscan (OFM)	20/7 ? - Ciudad Bolivar

				(Venezuela)
15.	Sister Irma Odete Francisca		Franciscan Sisters of Siessen	24/7 – Guaratinguetá (Brazil)
16.	Fr. Dennis Osuagwu	Nigeria	Claretian	15/8 – Nekede (Nigeria)
17.	Fr. Luis Jesus Cortez	Argentina	Diocesan	29/8 – Alta Gracia (Argentina)
18.	Sister Amala Valummel	India	Carmelite (CMC)	17/9 – Palai (India)
19.	Cesare Tavella	Italy	Aid worker	28/9 – Dhaka (Bangladesh)
20.	Fr. Antonio Magalso	Philippine	Diocesan	29/9 - Tanjay (Philippines)
21.	Fr. Erasto Pliego de Jesus	Mexico	Diocesan	13/11 - Cuyoaco (Mexico)
22.	Rita Fossaceca	Italy	Voluntary worker	28/11 – Mijomboni (Kenya)

### Religious Status

Priests	13	(10 diocesans; 1 Worker of the Kingdom of Christ, 1 OFM, 1 Claretian)
Women Religious	4	(SH, CPS, Franc. of Siessen, CMC)
Laity	5	

### Country of Origin

Africa	3	(2 Nigeria, Congo DR)
America	8	(2 Mexico, 2 Colombia, 2 Brazil, 1 Venezuela, 1 Argentina)
Asia	6	(3 Syria, 2 India, 1 Philippines)
Europe	5	(2 Italy, 2 Spain, 1 Austria)

### Place of death

Africa	5	(2 Nigeria, 1 South Africa, 1 Kenya, 1 Congo DR)
America	8	(2 Mexico, 2 Colombia, 2 Brazil, 1 Venezuela, 1 Argentina)
Asia	7	(3 Syria, 2 India, 1 Bangladesh, 1 Philippines)
Europe	2	(Spain).

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## PASTORAL CARE WORKERS KILLED FROM 1980 TO 2014

**Vatican City (Agenzia Fides)** – According to data in Fides’ possession, in the decade from **1980-1989** **115 missionaries** lost their lives in violent manners. This number, however, is doubtful, based only upon the cases which made news.

The collective summary from **1990-2000** presents a total of **604 missionaries killed**, still according to our information. The number is significantly higher than the previous decade, however, one must also consider the following factors: the genocide in Rwanda (1994) that caused at least 248 victims among church personnel; the increased speed of the mass media in disseminating the news even from most remote places; the total does not include only the missionaries *ad gentes* in the strictest sense, but all church personnel killed in a violent manner, or who sacrificed their lives aware of the risks they ran, while not abandoning the people in their care.

During the years **2001-2014** the total of the pastoral care workers killed is **343**.

YEAR	TOT	BISH	PRIE	DEA	BRO	REL	SEM	ICL	CAT	LAI	VOL
1990	17		10			7					
1991	19	1	14		1	3					
1992	21		6		2	13					
1993	21	1C+1	13			4	1	1			
1994	26		20		1	4	1				
1994*	248	3	103		47	65		30			
1995	33		18	1	3	9				2	
1996	48	3	19		8	13	1	2	1	1(ct)	
1997	68	1	19		1	7	40				
1998	40	1	13		5	17	4				
1999	32		17			9	4		2		
2000	31		19			7	3	1			1
2001	33		25			5	1	1		1	
2002	25	1	18		1	2	2	1			
2003	29	1	20		1		3			2	2
2004	16		12			1				3	
2005	25	1	18		2	3				1	
2006	24		17		1	3				2	1
2007	21		15	3	1	1	1				
2008	20	1	16		1					2	
2009	37		30			2	2			3	
2010	25	1	17		1	1	2			3	
2011	26		18			4				4	
2012	13		11			1				1	
2013	23		20			1				2	
2014	26		17		1	6	1			1	

\* = Data referring just to the Rwanda genocide.

BIS: Bishops; C: Cardinals; PRIE: diocesan and religious priests; DEAC: deacons; BRO: religious brothers; REL: religious sisters; SEM: seminarians; ICL: members of institutes of consecrated life; CAT: catechists; LAI: laity; VOL: volunteers; ct: catecumeno.

**DATA, COMMENTS AND REFLECTIONS ON THE PASTORAL CARE WORKERS KILLED IN RECENT YEARS MAY BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: [www.fides.org](http://www.fides.org)**

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