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Fr Sally told Fr Rio that Fr Tom tells them everyday "Let us be ready for martyrdom."

Fr Judith - they were trying so hard to take her for senior course but they were not able to get her out.

Fr Reginette they were trying to send her for junior course but could not get her out.

God wanted them there.

Aden is rich city - a port city. Aden wanted to be its own state so they got ISIS in to help them fight against Yemen. So ISIS won for Aden. That was the war last year with all the bombing. They won, so that is over but ISIS won't leave. They want to take over and exterminate any Christian presence. They did not kill the sisters in the war because they had no political reason to waste time on them. But now, they are the only Christian presence and ISIS wants to get rid of all Christianity. So they are real martyrs - died because they are Christians. They could have died so many times in the war but God wanted it to be clear they are martyrs for the faith.

Fr. Rio said Fr Sally is fully surrendered. The police are trying to get her out because they will just keep after her until they kill her. She is fully surrendered and told Fr Rio - whatever God wants. She said the other Muslims are so respectful of them. She said to pray that their blood will be the seeds for peace in the Middle East and to stop the ISIS.

She said that if they kidnapped Father Tom most probably they will wait 2 days then ask in exchange for Father Tom either money or the release of their members held in prison. Fr Rio said they were so faithful - ISIS knew exactly when they leave and when to break in. And because of their faithfulness they were in the right place at the right time and were ready when the Bride groom came.

Fr Adriana said she thinks the crushing of the head has some evil connection with "She will crush the head of the serpent" Some kind of mockery or evil meaning.

CORRECT NAMES: Fr. M. Sally, MC (Superior)
Fr. M. Anselm, MC (Bihar)
Fr. M. Marguerite, MC (Rwanda)
Fr. M. Judith, MC (Kenya)
Fr. M. Reginette, MC (Rwanda)

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CHRISTIAN MARTYRS IN YEMEN

In Yemen on Friday March 4th four nuns from the Missionaries of Charity, the order founded by Mother Teresa of Calcutta, were among those killed when four armed men attacked their convent and home for the elderly in the southern city of Aden. The fate of the Salesian priest Fr Tom Uzhunnalil who was kidnapped during the attack is still uncertain. These pages contain a faxed first-hand account of the attack.

Some background...

Most people in the West would be surprised by the answer to the question: who are the most persecuted people in the world? According to the International Society for Human Rights, a secular group with members in 38 states worldwide, 80 per cent of all acts of religious discrimination in the world today are directed at Christians.

In more than 40 nations around the world today Christians are being persecuted for their faith. In some of these nations it is illegal to own a Bible, to share your faith in Christ, change your faith or teach your children about Jesus. Those who boldly follow Christ—in spite of government edict or radical opposition—can face harassment, arrest, torture and even death. Yet Christians continue to meet for worship and to witness for Christ, and the church in restricted nations is growing.

Christians are languishing in jail for blasphemy in Pakistan, and churches are burned and worshippers regularly slaughtered in Nigeria and Egypt, which has recently seen its worst anti-Christian violence in seven centuries.

In Lahore, Pakistan on Easter Sunday a suicide bomb in children's park killed more than 70 people and injured hundreds of others. The stated targets of the bomber were Christian families celebrating Easter.

In March this year the US Secretary of State John Kerry declared that ISIS is committing genocide against Christians and other religious and ethnic minorities in the Middle East.

Prayer for Aid To Church In Need

Father in Heaven, you make your sun shine on good and bad alike.

Your Son Jesus Christ died for us all and in his glorious Resurrection

He still retains the five wounds of his Passion.

With his divine power he now sustains all those who suffer persecution and martyrdom for the sake of their fidelity to the faith of the Church.

Merciful and mighty Father,

do not allow Cain to return again to murder helpless Abel, innocent Abel.

May persecuted Christians around the world remain, like Mary, their Mother, together at the foot of the cross of Christ the Martyr.

Comfort those menaced by violence and those oppressed by uncertainty.

May your Holy Spirit of love make fruitful the witness and the blood of those who die forgiving.

Amen.

SR. RIO'S WORDS TO SR. ADRIANA, MC - Friday midday 14th March 2016

Sisters had Mass, breakfast as usual. As usual Father stays back in Chapel to say prayers then to fix things around the compound.

8:00am - said Apostolate prayer and all 5 went to Home.

8:30am - ISIS dressed in blue came in, killed guard and driver.

5 young Ethiopian men (Christian) began running to tell the Sisters. ISIS was here to kill them. They were killed one by one. They tied them to trees, shot them in the head and smashed their heads.

The sisters ran 2 by 2 in different directions as they have mens and ladies home. 4 working women were screaming "Don't Kill the Sisters! Don't Kill the Sisters!" One was the cook for 15 years. They killed them as well.

They caught Sr Judit and Sr Reginet first, tied them up, shot them in the head and smashed their heads. When the Sisters ran in different directions, the Superior ran to the Convent to try to warn Father Tom.

They caught Sr Anslem and Sr Marguerite, tied them, shot them in the head and smashed their head in the sand. Meanwhile the Sisters Superior could not get to the Convent. It is not clear how many ISIS men were there.

She saw all the sisters and helpers killed. The ISIS men were already getting to the Convent so she went into the Refrigerator Room since the door was open. These ISIS men were everywhere searching for her as they knew they were 5. At least 3 times they came into the Refrigerator Room. She did not hide but remained standing behind the door - they never saw her. This is miraculous.

Meanwhile at the Convent, Father had heard the screaming and consumed all the Hosts. He had no time to consume the large Host so he ~~threw~~ threw the oil out of the Sanctuary lamp and dissolved it in the water.

A neighbor saw them put Father Tom in their car. They did not find any trace of Father anywhere. All the religious articles were smashed and destroyed - Our lady, Crucifix, altar, tabernacle, lectionary stand - even their

Prayer books and Bibles.

10⁰⁰ or 10¹⁵ am - the ISIS men finished and left.

Sr Sally came to get the bodies of the Sisters. She got them all. She went to the patients to each one individually to see if they were OK. All were OK. Not one was hurt.

The Son of the woman who was the cook (who was killed) was calling her on her cell phone. Since she was not answering, he called the police and he went with the police there and found this great massacre. The police and the son arrived at about 10:30am.

The police tried to take Sr Sally out of there - she refused to leave the people who were crying "Don't leave us, stay with us." But the police forced her to go with them because the ISIS knew there were 5 sisters and they were convinced that they will not stop until they kill her too. So finally she had to leave. She took one set of clothes and the Sisters' bodies and the police brought them to an International Hospital called "Doctors without Borders" for protection. As there was not enough room in the mortuary of that hospital for the Sister's bodies, the police brought their bodies to a bigger hospital mortuary.

Sr. Sally told Sr Rio she is so sad because she is alone and did not die with her sisters. Sr Rio told her God wanted a witness and told her "Who would have found the Sister's bodies and who would ever tell us what happened. God wants us to know."

Pope Francis had his secretary contact the Yemen Secretary of State very often - about once a week to check up on the Sisters and reassure them of his closeness. Today the Pope's secretary sent the message "I thank them - ~~an~~ ^{little} M.C. martyrs". He said he is offering the 40 hour 1st Friday devotion for them.