

Blessed Fr Miguel Agustín Pro SJ, Martyr (1891 - 1927 AD)



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José Ramón Miguel Agustín Pro Juárez was "A native of Guadalupe, Zacatecas, Mexico, ...[joining] the Jesuits in 1911. After studies abroad, he was ordained and returned to Mexico in 1926, amid violent persecutions of The Church" by the then militant secular revolutionary marxist Mexican government.

This was the time of "The Cristero Rebellion" - a.k.a. "La Cristiada" between 1926 to 1929. This was a bloody and calamitous civil war in central and western Mexico between faithful Catholic Laity who were forced by tyranny to take up arms against their own genocidal anti-CHRIST and vehemently anti-Catholic national regime.

Under the Mexican Constitution of 1917, secular authorities escalated their campaign to enforce public atheism as the state religion to the point of blood. They suppressed all public worship, forcibly closing Churches, imprisoning, torturing and eventually mass executing Clergy and Laity who refused to give up The Faith.

Putting aside only his exterior clerical collar and garb, Father Miguel engaged in daily daring missions of ministry to Mexican Catholics - often disguised as a beggar, a businessman and even a policeman. "

Miguel braved chronic stomach pain and the constant threat of capture to hear Confessions, give Holy Communion and served disenfranchised families... always with his characteristic mirth, "I see GOD's hand so palpably in everything that almost - almost I fear they won't kill me in these adventures..."

He made midnight visits to offer The Sacraments, conduct Masses, visit the sick & dying and even penetrated prisons in an officer's uniform to give Viaticum to condemned Catholics.

Father "Miguel was arrested on the baseless charge of masterminding a bombing plot" against a former Mexican President, of which he was innocent. Without even a trial, "He was executed on November 23,1927." \*

Refusing a blindfold before government soldiers manning his firing squad, and forgiving his executioners, Fr. Miguel's last words were, "¡Viva CRISTO Rey!" - "Long live CHRIST The King!"

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/viva-cristo-rey>

The Martyrdom for The Faith of Blessed Padre Pro and last words of fiery devotion to our Lord and His Church became the rallying cry of The Cristiada rebel forces, who through great sacrifice and struggle eventually regained their GOD-given rights to publicly live, worship and serve The Lord as faithful Catholics in Mexico.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gH6pBANmvg>

What price are we willing to offer before GOD and man to defend The One True Catholic Apostolic Church and The Holy Faith handed on to us from our Redeemer JESUS CHRIST and the Apostles? When the two collide, at what point do we make our choice for love of the world or Love of GOD?

What crowns of Martyrdom, White and sometimes even Red, are we willing to accept from the hands of Our Lady for the price of our lives, our families, our communities, our countries, our Churches and our souls? Blessed Fr. Miguel Pro, pray for us!

JOHN 15:12-21

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMFozq7tRhU>

O CHRIST our King, strengthen us for our daily battles!

12 This is My Commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of The Father in My Name, He may give it you.

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

20 Remember The Word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My saying, they will keep yours also.

21 But all these things will they do unto you for My Name's Sake, because they know not Him that sent Me.

\*["Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro." The Magnificat, 11/23/2021 AD. Optional memorial, p 328-329.]