

Discerning in front of Jesus's Cross:  
Notes on Martyrdom  
在基督的十架之前學習辨別：  
對殉道的注記

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## Abstract

Martyrdom is not a historical but an actual challenge because of, first of all, the suicide-actions in so many countries. This article is developed in a breve reconstruction of the complex Christian history, which is about the criterions of this topic. Christian martyrdom is like a sacrifice for it is a strict non-violence action, which follows the footsteps of Jesus's death to serve as the saving way to overcome the circle of vengeance and offering forgiveness, even to the murders. This witness of Christ himself among us could be discovered in Christians of different churches and denominations in the last century, and for this reason, Pope John Paul II. has spoken of the ecumenism of the martyrs as the basic of a coming "una sancta."

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