

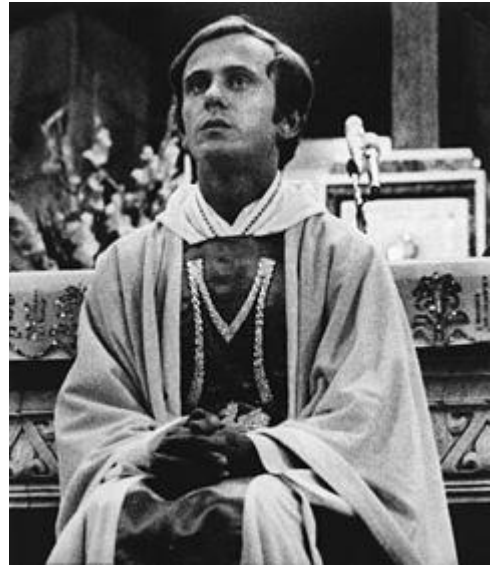
Jerzy Popiełuszko (1947-1984)

Jerzy Popiełuszko was a Polish priest in the Polish People's Republic, which was a satellite state of the Soviet Union.

He was associated with the Solidarity movement. He fought for the human rights, especially of workers. He was sent to celebrate a mass in the Warsaw Steelwork during their strike against communists. He was a support for the persecuted people and the model of courage.



Finally, on 19th October 1984 his car was stopped by secret agents. Three men kidnapped the priest, beat him and drowned in the Vistula river.



After that he started to be haunted by the police. The government found him the public enemy and decided to get rid of him. He was being followed for all the time, communists were watching his every step. He was taken to many hearings, where he was accused of doing things that he hadn't done. There were a lot of attacks, communists even threw stones at the windows of Popiełuszko's house.

Popiełuszko is considered a martyr. He was beatified by the Pope - Benedict XVI. He is remembered by many people in Poland, because of what he did for our country.