

Martyrs of Uganda

Africa in the 1880's was the scene of much missionary activity. In Uganda, ruled by a king, Catholic missionaries were successful in bring to the faith many Africans. The king, fearful of loss of his own power persecuted Christians. Twenty-two of the kings' servants were wrapped in reeds and burned alive refusing to deny Christ. These "Martyrs of Uganda" were led by St. Charles Lwanga and are among the church's most recent saints. They were beatified in 1902 and canonized in 1964.