

"Tell the Fathers we were faithful to the end."

The cry from one Ugandan martyr
on the pyre at Namugongo,
June 3, 1886

Christianity came to Uganda from English Protestant and French Catholic missionaries. King Mutesa received them well and Christianity flourished, but resentful courtiers succeeded in getting the missionaries expelled.

When King Mwanga assumed the throne after his father died, he developed an intense infatuation with homosexuality. He believed that his royalty empowered him to follow these desires without hinderance among his pages and court personnel.

Mwanga quickly learned that Christianity condemned his pet pleasure and that the Christian pages were resisting his lustful advances. Thirtyone brave African Christians sacrificed their lives refusing to participate in the pagan King's acts of homosexuality.

Today, Christians of all denominations, striving to remain chaste amid the experience of same-sex attractions, and to win the freedom of life in Christ, look in awe at these brave men.

Their powerful statement for the sacredness of chaste mature manhood encourages all people of goodwill now and in all the ages to come.

Adapted from the Novena to the Ugandan Martyrs,
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*Respecting Differences:
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**Andrew Comiskey,
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Director of Desert
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Ministries, which he
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Sr. Clare Hunter, FSE
Franciscan Sisters of the
Eucharist based in Meriden,
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*Sexual Identity and
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**Dr. Andrew Sodergren,
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Catholic psychologist and
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