

"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. Thirty-one 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,
found at couragec.org

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& Companions

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Presenters



Chastity & the Freedom to Love

Fr. Colin Blatchford

Associate Director,
Courage International since
2020 and a current Courage
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*Carrying Our Cross in the
Communion of Saints*

**Mother Louise Marie
Flanigan, SsEW**

Mother Louise Marie has
been Superior of the Sister
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Word since 2018.



*Learning to Receive and
Not Strive*

Kim Zember

Speaks internationally
about leaving the
homosexual lifestyle for
the greater love and
freedom she found in
Jesus Christ.



*Clear Love for Confused
Parents*

**Andrew Comiskey,
M. Div.**

Director of Desert
Stream/Living Waters
Ministries, which he
founded in 1980.



Beauty - Pure & Simple

Sr. Clare Hunter, FSE
Franciscan Sisters of the
Eucharist based in Meriden,
Connecticut. Sister has
been a national speaker on
life issues, human sexuality,
marriage, family life, and
various spiritual topics.



*Sexual Identity and
Development*

**Dr. Andrew Sodergren,
Psy.D.**

Catholic psychologist and
Director of Psychological
Services for Ruah Woods
Institute.

