

# ISIS crucified Indian priest Tom Unzhunnalil on Good Friday

*I hoped this would not happen. From [Washington Times](#)*

The Rev. Thomas Uzhunnalil, a Salesian priest, was kidnapped in Yemen in early March during a raid on a nursing home run by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity.

His execution by the Islamist sect, using the same method used by the Romans on Jesus and marked on Good Friday every year, was confirmed at the Easter Vigil Mass by Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna.

Father Uzhunnalil was a native of India and had been the object of both prayers and diplomatic efforts since the March 4 raid where 16 Christian nuns and nurses were killed.

Pope Francis already had honored the slain nuns as martyrs.

The external affairs minister Sushma Swaraj had earlier said the government was desperately trying to rescue the priest.