

FR. DECLAN O'TOOLE

Fr. Declan O'Toole was born on 2nd February 1971, the eldest Son of four, born to Carmel and Paul O' Toole in Curramore, Headford, Co. Galway.

Declan attended St. Fursa's Primary School in Claran from 1975-1983. He attended Presentation College Headford Secondary school from 1983-1988.

He joined the Mill Hill Missionaries and completed his studies in London and was ordained on 28th June 1997 in St. Mary's Church Claran, Co. Galway.

Declan was very enthusiastic and committed to Missionary life and worked hard to promote Justice and Peace amongst the Karamojong people, being a voice for the voiceless.

On the 21st March 2002 Fr. Declan was shot dead together with his driver Patrick Longoli and his cook Fidelis Longole while travelling on their way home from a peace meeting within the territory of his mission.

Fr. Declan's cause has been opened since October 2014 for Beatification by Most Rev. Dr. Giueppe Filippi, M.C.C.I, Bishop of Kotido, Uganda.

Fr. Declan O'Toole (Apalopus) Servant of God M.H.M.

Born on 2nd February 1971
Martyred in Uganda on 21st March 2002

Prayer for Beatification

(for private devotion)

"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or terrified because of them for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6)

God of mercy and compassion
You gave to your priest Fr. Declan O'Toole
a wonderful Missionary spirit
of strength and courage, to preach
the message of the Gospel
in the midst of trials and opposition,
as he shed his blood in ministry;
for your people, in Panyangara
in the diocese of Kotido.
Graciously honour this Martyr
And grant through his intercession
The intention I ask of you…
Through Christ our Lord. Amen
St. Joseph pray for us

"I embark on a journey in the new territory of North East Uganda to work among the Karam+ ajong tribe. I leave Claran behind me physical+ ly, but in every other way I bring each and everyone of you with me because we go together. I am your missionary being sent out to these people, for my missionary vocation began from this parish and we go together".

(taken from Fr. Declan's First Mass homily)

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