



## One of the Martyrs of the Mexican Revolution

**Roman martyrology:** In the city of Guadalajara, Mexico, St. David Galvan Bermudez, priest and martyr, who during the Mexican persecution obtained the crown of martyrdom to defend the sanctity of marriage, being shot.

**Canonization date:** May 21, 2000 by Pope John Paul II during the Jubilee of Mexico.

### SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Born January 29, 1881 at Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. He entered the seminary in Guadalajara, Mexico at age 14. An excellent student. Questioning his vocation, David left the seminary for three years. He worked, dated, wasted his time, and lived a dissolute lifestyle; at one point he was arrested for hitting his girlfriend while he was drunk.

However, he finally realized he could not ignore the call to his vocation. After a year's probation, he was allowed to return to the seminary. Ordained on 20 May 1909. Seminary instructor at Amatitán. Supervisor at the Amatitán seminary.

Arrested at least one for the crime of priesthood. During periods of armed rebellion, he went into the field of fire to work with the injured, patching wounds and hearing confessions. On his way to Guadalajara to help victims of armed street fighting, he was arrested with Father Jose Araíza, who was later ransomed out of prison.

Murdered for being a priest, and on the chance that he might be helping the rebels. Comforted fellow prisoners and heard confessions in the hours before execution. Martyr.

He was shot by the firing squad on January 30, 1915 at Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.