

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – April 1919

Wednesday April 9, 1919



Hungary: Sopron, Gyer-Moson-Sopron

Fr Anton Szemelliker (aged 36, Austrian national, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Austria1.htm

Sunday April 13, 1919



United States - Kansas: Fort Leavenworth

Jacob Wipf (brother in law of Joseph, Michael and David Hofer, conscientious objector, arrested in [Camp Lewis, Washington](#) on [May 28, 1918](#) for refusing to cooperate with his military induction, was later beaten; court-martialed on [June 10, 1918](#), convicted, and sentenced to 37 years' imprisonment; transferred to [Alcatraz Federal Prison in California](#) on [June 27, 1918](#), upon arrival was beaten, starved, subjected to cold and damp, and denied clothing other than military uniforms which he refused, developed eczema and scurvy; transferred to the Army prison at [Fort Leavenworth in Kansas](#) on [November 14, 1918](#); arrived at [Fort Leavenworth](#) on [November 18, 1918](#), forced to run uphill at bayonet point and then to stand naked outdoors in the cold air for 2 hours, subjected to a bread and water diet; questioned at a [January 5, 1919](#) Board of Inquiry, which determined that he had been convicted due to his sincerely held religious beliefs; **UPDATE**: released from captivity, later emigrated to Canada)

<https://martyrstories.org/jacob-wipf/>

<https://theviewfromthisseat.blogspot.com/2014/11/in-memory-of-hutterite-martyrs-of-1918.html>

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26500126M/Pacifists_in_Chains

April 1919, date unknown



Germany: Munich

Bishop Eugenio Maria Giuseppe Giovanni Pacelli (aged 43, papal nuncio [ambassador], held at gunpoint by Red Guards after they occupied the nunciature [embassy], automobile seized)

https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17318218W/Church_of_Spies