

Today's Martyrs – January 1931

Monday January 26, 1931



Belarus: Rechki, Vitebsk province

Fr Vladislav Akola-Kulak (aged 40, farmer, arrested on [October 11, 1930](#) during the collectivization campaign, **UPDATE**: sentenced to 5 years' internal exile in Siberia)

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Friday January 30, 1931



Russia: Saratov

Elena Befort (aged 33, teacher, resigned in [1918](#) rather than teach Marxism, became a city health department lab technician; **UPDATE**: arrested as a counter-revolutionary)

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Saturday January 31, 1931



Ukraine: Kiev

Iosif Kudanovich (machinist, arrested for having 'suspicious' meetings with his pastor)

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January 1931, date unknown



Russia: Siberia

Fr Wasilij Griniewicz (arrested in [Belarus](#) in 1928, sent into internal exile for 3 years; **UPDATE:** sent to Butyrka Prison in Moscow for a prisoner exchange with Poland, the exchange was cancelled, fate unknown)

Russia: Vyatka in the Northern Territory

Fr Pawel Karpowicz (aged 63, arrested in [Lepel, near Minsk](#) on [April 5, 1927](#), later sentenced to 3 years' internal exile, sent to [Vyatka in the Northern Territory](#), had saved the lives of several Communists during the Polish-Soviet War by begging on his knees; **UPDATE:** released from internal exile after becoming seriously ill with tuberculosis, returned to a village near Mogilev in Belarus, **later died**)

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