

Today's Martyrs – April 1934

Sunday April 1, 1934

Easter [Pascha] – Western Calendar



V.C.P.P.

Ukraine: Kiev

Stanislawa Lepesowecka (aged 46, artist, factory worker, arrested on [September 28, 1933](#); released before trial on her personal recognizance on [January 13, 1934](#); **UPDATE**: received permission to emigrate to Poland)

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Germany: Munster

Bishop Clemens August Graf von Galen (aged 56, on [November 6, 1933](#) refused to allow the addition of anti-Semitic teaching to the schools under his jurisdiction; **UPDATE**: issued a pastoral letter which was read in every church in his diocese against the Nazis "...they dare, under the pretext of advancing the national rebirth of the German people, to insult Christianity and its teachings, to disparage Christian morality, to undermine our loyalty to the faith of our fathers. A deception from hell is here, that could lead even the good into error...Therefore I lift up my voice in warning as a German bishop, and I say to you: Hold fast to the faith on the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, as your fathers held to it and professed it. Arm yourselves against the traps of the one who has been our enemy from the beginning. You Christian parents, keep guard especially over the youth who are entrusted to you. Warn them against being led astray by having close relations with unbelievers and by reading things that 'under the false appearance of the true and the good' spread the poison of neo-paganism", later in the month noted at a Deanery meeting that 8 priests of his diocese had already been arrested)

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Monday April 2, 1934



Russia: Ukhtpechlag labor camp, Chibiu, Komi ASSR

Fr Adolf Krzywicki (aged 47, arrested in [Barysaw, Belarus](#) on [August 5, 1933](#), sent to [Minsk Prison](#); sentenced in [Minsk](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [February 24, 1934](#); **UPDATE**: arrived)

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Saturday April 7, 1934



Russia: Ufa

Fr Mieczyslaw Joudakas (aged 43, arrested in [December 1926](#), soon released; arrested in [April 1929](#), sent into 3 years' internal exile to the [Northern Territory](#); released in [December 1929](#); arrested on [November 22, 1933](#), sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: sent to Ukhtpechlag labor camp, Chibiu, Komi ASSR, later released, fate unknown)

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Friday April 27, 1934



Russia: Siblagn labor camp, Novosibirsk

Ludwig Kokin (aged 49, church guard, arrested in [Leningrad](#) on anti-Soviet agitation and espionage charges on [November 16, 1931](#); sentenced on [February 26, 1932](#) to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released, ordered into internal exile)

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April 1934, date unknown



Russia: Tomsk Railroad

Fr Johannes Falkenstein (aged 48, arrested in 1931 in Josefstal, Mariental region, Samara oblast; sentenced in 1932 to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; known to have been in the Stary Gorodok sector of Siblagn labor camp in February 1933; **UPDATE**: known to have been at the Suslovo Station of the Tomsk Railroad, fate thereafter unknown)

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Germany: Bavaria

Bishop Hans Meiser (deposed by the government, placed under house arrest, reinstated after popular protests)

Germany: Wurttemberg

Bishop Theophil Wurm (deposed by the government, placed under house arrest, reinstated after popular protests)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confessing_Church

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theophil_Wurm