

Today's Martyrs – May 1934

Monday May 14, 1934



Russia: 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, sent to [Siblag](#); released on [April 27, 1934](#); **UPDATE:** went into internal exile to Bryansk, fate unknown)

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Wednesday May 30, 1934



China: Moximian, Shimian, Sichuan

Communist soldiers attack a leper colony, arrest clergy

Fr Luigi Epifanio Pegoraro OFM (aged 37, Italian citizen, arrested)

Br Pascual Nadal Oltra OFM (aged 51, Spanish citizen, arrested)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=IT_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.webdiocesi.chiesacattolica.it%2fpls%2fcci_dioc_new%2fv3_S2EW_CONSULTAZIONE.mostra_pagina%3fid_pagina%3d23717%26target%3d0

Thursday May 31, 1934



Germany: Barmen

A synod of the Pastor's Emergency League issued a statement called the Barmen Declaration, which attacked the 'German Christian' movement that had been working to legitimize Nazism within Protestantism, the statement later led to the founding of the Confessing Church

Karl Barth (aged 48, Swiss national, theologian, principal author of the Barmen Declaration, personally mailed a copy to Adolf Hitler)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barmen_Declaration
<http://todaysmartyrs.org/pdf/Documents/1934-05-31%20Declaration%20of%20the%20Barmen%20Synod.pdf>

May 1934, date unknown



Kazakhstan: Almaty

Fr Roman Jankowski (aged 46, arrested in [Berdychiv, Ukraine](#) on [April 10, 1927](#) on charges of organizing illegal border crossings; sent to Kharkiv Prison in [May 1928](#); sentenced on [September 30, 1928](#) to 9 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sentenced then reduced to 6 years' in an amnesty to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Revolution; sent to [Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp](#) and then to [Anzer Island](#) in [May 1932](#); arrested on [July 5, 1932](#), charged with 'creation of an anti-Soviet group that conducted anti-Soviet agitation, clandestinely celebrated Mass and religious rites and maintained an illegal contact with a free worker for purposes of transmitting abroad information of an espionage character about the situation of Catholics in the USSR', said under interrogation "I consider myself a faithful and staunch Catholic, as I shall be until the end"; sent into internal exile to [Almaty, Kazakhstan](#) in [October 1933](#); **UPDATE**: released from internal exile, returned to Ukraine)

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Russia: Popov Island, Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp

Fr Kazimierz Dudkiewicz (arrested in [January 1933](#), sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: the Polish Red Cross received its last postcard from him, fate unknown)

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