

Today's Martyrs – May 1937

Monday May 3, 1937



Russia: Moscow

Fr Mikhail Tsakul (age 52; arrested on [April 13, 1931](#) on counter-revolutionary charges, broke under interrogation and implicated himself and others; sentenced on [November 18, 1931](#) to internal exile; allowed to return to Moscow in [December 1933](#) and resume ministry; **UPDATE:** arrested with the church organist and sacristan, charged with 'saying Mass on a Polish national holiday at the request of the Polish ambassador', sentenced after several months in Butyrka Prison to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, later arrested in the camp, sentenced to death, **shot dead**, date unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0658>



Spain: Montcada, Barcelona

Fr Ramon Oromi Sulla SF (aged 61, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC34.htm>

Tuesday May 4, 1937



Spain: La Alberca, Murcia

Fr Emilio Illan Jimenez (aged 59, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC58.htm>

Wednesday May 5, 1937



Spain: Barcelona

Josepa Moore Puigdelliers (aged 55, **killed**)

Sr Matilde Massana Bardes (**killed**)

Sr Rosario Esclusa Melsior (aged 50, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faihweb.com/new_martyrs/SCW_Consecrated_Women.htm

Saturday May 15, 1937



Spain: Cabo Mayor, Santander, Cantabria

Fr Abdon Munoz Lopez (**killed**)

<http://newsaints.faihweb.com/martyrs/MSPC58.htm>

Wednesday May 19, 1937



Spain: Madrid

Br Lucunio Fontanil Medina OFM Cap (aged 53, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faihweb.com/martyrs/MSPC01.htm>

Friday May 21, 1937



Spain: Mora, Toledo

Sr Candida Lopez-Romero Gomez del Pulgar STJ (aged 41, **killed**)

Carmen Cano Sobrero (aged 33, **killed**)

Dolores Cano Sobrero (aged 36, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faiithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC50.htm>

http://newsaints.faiithweb.com/new_martyrs/Toledo.htm

Thursday May 27, 1937



Spain: Ventanielles, Asturias

Sixto Alonso Helva (aged 21, seminarian, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faiithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC33.htm>

Saturday May 30, 1937



Germany: Munster

Bishop Clemens August Graf von Galen (aged 59, **UPDATE**: delivered a homily in which he protested the government-ordered shutdown of the Catholic press)

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Sunday May 31, 1937



Russia: Leningrad

Donat Bydzan (aged 33, arrested on **April 15, 1932**; released for lack of evidence on **May 23, 1932**; **UPDATE**: arrested)

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May 1937, date unknown



Russia: Siblag labor camp, Novosibirsk

Apollinaria Lisecka (aged 56, arrested in [Krasnoyarsk](#) on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges on [June 2, 1935](#); sentenced to 6 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [June 24, 1936](#); **UPDATE:** known to have been in Siblag on this date, fate thereafter unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0452>



Ukraine: Kiev

Anton Bystricki (aged 71, church organist, arrested on counter-revolutionary charges)

Jozef Kaszewski (aged 59, store guard, arrested on espionage and counter-revolutionary charges)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0208>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1015>



Belarus: Minsk

Fr Jan Borowik (aged 60, arrested on counter-revolutionary charges, tortured)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0153>



Germany: Oranienburg Concentration Camp

Heinrich Gotting (farmer, shouted out “To the point! The Cross!” at a [November 25, 1936](#) public meeting in [Cloppenburg](#) called to propagandize the government’s decision to remove crucifixes and portraits of Martin Luther from church operated schools, others took up the

chant, the meeting ended with the officials promising to rescind the decision; arrested in February 1937; **UPDATE:** released)

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Spain: Madrid

Br Felipe Martinez Ortiz OSA (aged 22, killed)

<http://newsaints.faiithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC50.htm>