

## Today's Martyrs – July 1937

Thursday July 1, 1937



### Germany: Dahlem, Berlin

Rev Martin Niemoller (aged 45, husband of Else Bremer Niemoller; said in a [June 27, 1937](#) homily “We have no more thought of using our own powers to escape the arm of the authorities, than had the Apostles of old. No more are we ready to keep silent at man’s behest when God commands us to speak. For it is, and must remain, the case that we must obey God rather than man”; **UPDATE**: arrested for activities against the State)

Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer (aged 31; **UPDATE**: detained at the home of Pastor Martin Niemoller for 7 hours, released)

Eberhard Bethge (aged 28, detained at the home of Pastor Martin Niemoller for 7 hours, released)

Pastor Franz Hildebrandt (aged 28, detained at the home of Pastor Martin Niemoller for 7 hours, released)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin\\_Niem%C3%B6ller](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Niem%C3%B6ller)

<https://openlibrary.org/books/OL25892903M/Bonhoeffer>

Saturday July 3, 1937



### Belarus: Minsk

Fr Peter Awgło (arrested in [1923](#), released; arrested on charges of espionage and counter-revolutionary activity in [Vitebsk](#) in [1927](#), released after six and a half months; arrested on [June 13, 1937](#) in [Mogilev](#); **UPDATE**: indicted on charges of espionage and supporting the insurgent organization POV)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0043>

Monday July 5, 1937



### **Spain: Madrid**

Br Jose Jimenez Garcia de la Serna OFM (aged 21, **killed**)

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

**Thursday July 8, 1937**



### **Ukraine: Kiev**

Aleksander Guk (institutional worker, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

Baranowa (aged 50, widow, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

Boleslaw Kowalczuk (aged 33, electrical station furnace stoker, denounced for a negative attitude following church closures, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

Jadwiga Kostecka (aged 45, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

Michal Jagielnicki (law school graduate, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

Stefan Bonisiewicz (office messenger, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

### **Ukraine: Skvir, Kiev province**

Lew Kopanski (aged 54, attorney, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges)

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**Friday July 9, 1937**



### **Ukraine: Kiev**

Aleksander Guk (institutional worker, arrested on [July 8, 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges; **UPDATE**: sentenced to imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

Baranowa (aged 50, widow, arrested in [Podolia, Kiev](#) on [July 9, 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges; **UPDATE**: convicted, fate unknown)

Jadwiga Kostecka (aged 45, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges on [July 8, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: convicted, fate unknown)

Lew Kopanski (aged 54, attorney, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges in [Skvir](#) on [July 8, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Michal Jagielnicki (law school graduate, arrested on [July 8, 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges; **UPDATE**: convicted, fate unknown)

Stefan Bonisiewicz (office messenger, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges; **UPDATE**: convicted, fate unknown)

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### **Spain: Albarracin, Teruel**

Fr Andres Saturnino Saez Ibanez (aged 67, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC57.htm>

**Tuesday July 13, 1937**



### **Russia: Berezovka, outside Yoshkar-Ola, El Mari**

Fr Jozef Krummel (aged 65, arrested in [Starokostyantyniv, Ukraine](#) on [December 19, 1929](#); sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [June 27, 1930](#); transferred from

Yaroslavl Prison in Russia to Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp in May 1933; sent into internal exile in December 1933 to Aktobe oblast, Kazakhstan; released from internal exile on January 28, 1935, returned to Ukraine where he was again arrested at the end of 1935; sentenced in 1936 to 3 years' internal exile, sent to the Northern Territory;  
**UPDATE:** arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1062>

**Thursday July 15, 1937**



**Ukraine: Kiev**

Lew Kopanski (aged 54, attorney, arrested on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges in Skvir on July 8, 1937; sentenced to death on July 9, 1937; **UPDATE:** shot dead)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1105>



**Spain**

Fr Valentino Palencia Marquina (aged 66, killed along with four youths)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/a-mexican-exorcist-advances-on-path-to-sainthood-courtesy-of-the-pope-58965/>

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2015/10/02/pope-francis-recognises-a-new-spanish-civil-war-martyr/>

**Friday July 16, 1937**



**Spain: Suria, Barcelona**

Alfons Bransuela Planell (aged 25, killed)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC51.htm>

**Saturday July 17, 1937**



**Spain: Requena, Valencia**

Sr Maria Teresa Llopis Gurrea OAR (aged 77, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faihweb.com/martyrs/MSPC54.htm>

**Sunday July 18, 1937**



**Germany: Dahlem, Berlin**

Pastor Franz Hildebrandt (aged 28, detained at the [Dahlem, Berlin](#) home of Pastor Martin Niemoller for 7 hours on [July 1, 1937](#), released; **UPDATE:** arrested for violating the bans on collections and intercessory prayer)

<https://openlibrary.org/books/OL25892903M/Bonhoeffer>

**Thursday July 22, 1937**



**Russia: Leningrad**

Adam Geren (aged 75, invalid, pensioner, parish council member, arrested, sentenced to a labor camp, sent to Sibltag, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0824>

**Friday July 23, 1937**



**Ukraine: Kamianets-Podilskyi**

Piotr Konoplicki (aged 40, sentenced to death for anti-Soviet agitation)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1104>

**Saturday July 24, 1937**



**Russia: Ukhtizhlag labor camp, Sosnovka, Komi ASSR**

Fr Zygmunt Klemczynski (aged 46; arrested in [Korostyszew, Ukraine](#) on counter-revolutionary charges on [July 29, 1935](#); sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [May 14, 1936](#); **UPDATE: died**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1027>

**Sunday July 25, 1937**



**Spain: Corral de Almaguer, Toledo**

Fr Felix Collado Rodríguez (aged 32, **killed**)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Toledo.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Toledo.htm)

**Monday July 26, 1937**



**Russia: Leningrad**

Fr Igor Akulov (aged 40, released from internal exile on [May 22, 1933](#); arrested, released in [May 1935](#); **UPDATE: arrested for 'anti-Soviet activity'**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0009>



**Ukraine: Kamianets-Podilskyi**

Piotr Konoplicki (aged 40, sentenced to death on [July 23, 1937](#) for anti-Soviet agitation;

**UPDATE:** [shot dead](#))

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1104>

**Tuesday July 27, 1937**



**Russia: Leningrad**

Adam Borodziula (aged 37, veterinarian on a State collective farm, arrested)

**Russia: Mariinsk**

Fr Jozef Bieniecki (aged 67, arrested in [Polonnoye, Shepetovsk, Kamianets-Podilskyi region](#) on [February 3, 1930](#); sentenced in [Kiev, Ukraine](#) on [May 13, 1930](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; sentenced on [January 21, 1935](#) to 3 years' internal exile; **UPDATE:** arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0122>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0150>

**Friday July 30, 1937**

**In Moscow NKVD Commissar Nikolai Yezhov issued Order No. 00447 "On the operation of repressing former kulaks, criminals, and other anti-Soviet elements", the order began the Great Terror. Nearly 700,000 people would be shot over the next year and a half, and 700,000 more would be imprisoned in the Gulag.**

**July 1937, date unknown**

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**Russia: Leningrad**

Adam Cheren (parish council member, arrested and sentenced to a labor camp, possibly Siblag, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1509>