

## Today's Martyrs – August 1937

Saturday August 1, 1937



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### Russia: Leningrad

Iosif Bekker (aged 51, dental technician, arrested on [May 8, 1931](#), later released for lack of evidence; **UPDATE**: arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0101>

Sunday August 2, 1937



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### Russia: Bryansk

Fr Franciszek Budzinski (aged 46, sentenced to 2 years' imprisonment on [February 11, 1929](#); sent to Kem in [July 1929](#), later transferred to Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp; released on [June 8, 1930](#); **UPDATE**: arrested, charged with espionage and counter-revolutionary activities, sent to Smolensk Prison)

### Russia: Leningrad

Adam Korzun (aged 59, pensioner, arrested)

Georgy Borodin (aged 21, radio technician, arrested)

Ivan Deibner (aged 33, son of Fr Johannes and Marie Panet Deibner, brother of Fr Alexander Deibner, bookkeeper, arrested)

Ivan Grib (aged 25, factory driver, arrested)

Lucjan Girin (aged 47, factory cloakroom attendant, arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0149>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0182>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0836>

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<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0914>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1109>

**Monday August 3, 1937**



**Russia: Arkhangelsk**

Bishop Ignatius Sadkovskogo (aged 49, arrested in [Tula](#) on [February 3, 1936](#) on counter-revolutionary charges, sent to [Moscow](#); sentenced on [March 16, 1936](#) to 5 years' internal exile; **UPDATE**: arrested)

<http://solovki-monastyr.ru/saints/martyrs/ignatij-sadkovskij/> - with translation

**Tuesday August 4, 1937**



**Ukraine: Skvir raion, Kiev oblast**

Ivan Grizowski (aged 56, expeditor, youth minister, arrested for organizing clandestine Masses, sent to Bila Tserkva Prison)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0875>

**Wednesday August 5, 1937**



**Ukraine: Kiev**

Stanislawa Janiszewska (aged 45, arrested)

**Ukraine: Skvyra**

Maria Kozłowska (aged 32, arrested on [July 18, 1921](#) for an illegal border crossing, later released; investigated in [1927](#), not convicted, released but forced to sign an agreement to spy on the church; arrested on [March 12, 1930](#) on a charge of anti-Soviet agitation, soon released; arrested in [1933](#) for failing to spy on the church, released; **UPDATE**: arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0351>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0418>

**Saturday August 7, 1937**



**Russia: Luga, Leningrad oblast**

Vladimir Astapovich (aged 30, assistant military commander of the railroad technical section, arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0038>

**Sunday August 8, 1937**



**Russia: Leningrad**

Pawel Butkiewicz (aged 33, foreman, arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0203>



**Ukraine: Kiev**

Jadwiga Gembarzewska (aged 46, housewife, arrested on [June 8, 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary, espionage, and nationalist charges and for having petitioned the government to not close churches; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0294>



**Spain: Puebla de Alcocer, Badajoz**

Fr Benito Gonzalez Pozuelo (aged 58, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC59.htm>

**Monday August 9, 1937**



### **Kazakhstan**

Fr Theodore A Lyubimov (husband, father of second grader Xenia Alexandrovna and 19-day old Alexander, arrested)

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=741:2014-12-13-19-32-55&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=741:2014-12-13-19-32-55&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation



### **Ukraine: Kiev**

Anton Bystricki (aged 71, church organist, arrested on counter-revolutionary charges in **May 1937**; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Jadwiga Adamowicz (aged 66, widow, arrested **June 8, 1937**; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death for 'counter-revolutionary, nationalistic and espionage activities')

Jozef Kaszewski (aged 59, store guard, arrested in **May 1937** on espionage and counter-revolutionary charges; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

Stanislawa Gembarzewska (arrested on **June 8, 1937** on counter-revolutionary and nationalistic charges; **UPDATE**: sentenced to possibly 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0005>

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

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0295>

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

**Wednesday August 11, 1937**



**Russia: Don village, Komi ASSR**

Fr Nikolai Dobroumov (aged 61, husband of Antonia Mikhailovna, arrested, taken to Syktyvkar prison)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/105509.html> - with translation

**Thursday August 12, 1937**



**Ukraine: Kharkiv**

Fr Leonard Gaszynski (aged 70, arrested on [January 3, 1921](#) in [Mogilev, Belarus](#) on espionage charges; released on [February 3, 1921](#) due to lack of evidence; investigated in [1935](#) along with other clergy, not convicted; **UPDATE:** arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0820>

**Friday August 13, 1937**



**Russia: Smychkovo, Luga region, Leningrad oblast**

Alexander Bartaszewicz (aged 27, carpenter, arrested in [Leningrad](#) on [May 8, 1931](#), later released for lack of evidence; **UPDATE:** arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0076>

**Saturday August 14, 1937**



**Kazakhstan: Aktobe**

Fr Theodore A Lyubimov (husband, father of second grader Xenia Alexandrovna and 24-day old Alexander, arrested on [August 9, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=741:2014-12-13-19-32-55&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=741:2014-12-13-19-32-55&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation

### Sunday August 15, 1937



#### Ukraine: Kiev

Anton Bystricki (aged 71, church organist, arrested on counter-revolutionary charges in [May 1937](#); sentenced to death on [August 9, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: [shot dead](#))

Jadwiga Adamowicz (aged 66, widow; sentenced to death for 'counter-revolutionary, nationalistic and espionage activities' on [August 9, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: [shot dead](#))

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0005>

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

### Monday August 16, 1937



#### Kazakhstan: near Temir

Fr Theodore A Lyubimov (husband, father of second grader Xenia Alexandrovna and 26-day old Alexander, arrested on [August 9, 1937](#); sentenced to death in [Aktobe](#) on [August 14, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: [shot dead](#))

[http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=741:2014-12-13-19-32-55&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1](http://www.martyr.ru/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=741:2014-12-13-19-32-55&catid=4:commonnews&Itemid=1) - with translation

### Tuesday August 17, 1937



### **Russia: Murom**

Fr Peter Sergeevich Petrikov (aged 34, arrested in [Moscow](#) on [April 14, 1931](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced on [June 5, 1931](#) to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Mariinsky](#); released from the camp on [September 17, 1931](#), moved to [Murom](#); arrested on [April 26, 1936](#) on counter-revolutionary charges, interrogated; **UPDATE**: released, moved to [Mozhaisk](#), later re-arrested)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/106351.html> - with translation

**Thursday August 19, 1937**



### **Russia: Moscow**

Fr Alexander Hotovitzky (aged 65, **UPDATE**: [shot dead](#))

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander\\_Hotovitzky](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_Hotovitzky)

**Friday August 20, 1937**



### **Russia: Orel**

Fr Aleksander Kuczynski (aged 75, arrested in [Novohrad-Volynskiy, Ukraine](#), in [1923](#), sent into internal exile for 3 years; released from exile in [1925](#); arrested in [Zhytomyr](#) on [January 27, 1930](#); sentenced to 5 years' internal exile on [May 4, 1930](#); **UPDATE**: arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0424>



### **Spain: Cabanas de Virtus, Burgos**

Fr Arsenio Garcia Lavid ([killed](#))

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

**Saturday August 21, 1937**



**Spain: Hortaleza, Madrid**

Br Vidal Garcia y Garcia FMS (aged 21, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC14.htm>

**Sunday August 22, 1937**



**Russia: Temlag labor camp, Yavas, Zubovo-Polyansk raion, Mordovian ASSR**

Fr Wladyslaw Kunda (aged 55, arrested on [December 5, 1935](#) in [Belarus](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [May 20, 1936](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death on anti-Soviet agitation charges)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1069>



**Spain: Otanes, Castro Urdiales, Cantabria**

Fr Eduardo Diez Lorenzo (**killed**)

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

**Monday August 23, 1937**



**Kazakhstan: Taraz**



Fr John Laba (aged 74, arrested on [June 23, 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; **UPDATE:** sentenced to death, later **shot dead**)

<http://afonit.info/biblioteka/nasledie-russkogo-monastyrya/svyatye-russkie-svyatogortsy-postradavshie-za-khrista-vo-vremya-bogoborcheskikh-gonenij-v-sssr> - with translation

**Wednesday August 25, 1937**



### **Kazakhstan: Karaganda**

Fr Joseph Gottliebovich Kolsch (aged 49, arrested in [1929](#) in [Josefheim, Ukraine](#) on 'illegal religious activity' charges, sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp in Russia; released on [January 29, 1936](#), sent into internal exile to Maikudun, Karaganda oblast; arrested on [September 3, 1936](#); **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0381>



### **Russia: Leningrad**

Frants Guszczko (aged 25, lathe operator, arrested on [April 3, 1937](#); **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

Georgy Borodin (aged 21, radio technician, arrested [August 2, 1937](#); **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

Fr Igor Akulov (aged 40, arrested on [July 26, 1937](#) for 'anti-Soviet activity'; **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

Iosif Bekker (aged 51; arrested on [August 1, 1937](#); **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

Ivan Grib (aged 25, factory driver, arrested on [August 2, 1937](#); **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

Jozef Guszczko (aged 29, metalworker, arrested on [April 3, 1937](#); **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

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

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0101>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0149>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0872>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0889>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0890>



### **Belarus: Gomel**

Fr Girsky (arrested in the summer of 1937 on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges, sentenced to prison camp, fate unknown)

### **Belarus: Minsk**

Fr Jan Borowik (aged 60, arrested in [Minsk](#) in [May 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary charges and of supporting the insurgent organization POV, tortured; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

Fr Konstantin Andrekus (aged 62, arrested in [Minsk](#) in [June 1937](#) on charges of supporting the insurgent organization POV; **UPDATE**: convicted, sentenced to death)

Fr Peter Awgło (arrested on [June 13, 1937](#) in [Mogilev](#); indicted on charges of espionage and supporting the insurgent organization POV; **UPDATE**: convicted, sentenced to death)

Fr Peter Janukowicz (aged 74, arrested in Moscow on [March 10, 1923](#); sentenced on [March 26, 1923](#) to 3 years' imprisonment in Lefortovo Prison; released in [January 1925](#); arrested on [June 9, 1937](#) in [Fashchevka](#), [Mogilev oblast](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

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

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

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0357>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0838>

**Thursday August 26, 1937**



### **Kazakhstan: Shymkent**

Fr Hilarion Tsurikov (arrested on [June 23, 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

<http://afonit.info/biblioteka/nasledie-russkogo-monastyrya/svyatye-russkie-svyatogortsy-postradavshie-za-khrista-vo-vremya-bogoborcheskikh-gonenij-v-sssr> - with translation



### **Russia: Moscow**

Fr Hilarion Gromov (aged 73, arrested on counter-revolutionary charges)

<http://afonit.info/biblioteka/nasledie-russkogo-monastyrya/svyatye-russkie-svyatogortsy-postradavshie-za-khrista-vo-vremya-bogoborcheskikh-gonenij-v-sssr> - with translation



### **Ukraine: Kiev**

Franc Janicki (aged 57, interrogated by the GPU in 1928, not arrested; **UPDATE:** arrested, charged with anti-Soviet agitation)

Konstantyn Janicki (aged 23, arrested)

Leonia Elizarova (aged 42, arrested, charged with anti-Soviet agitation)

Stanislaw Komarnicki (arrested, possibly convicted)

Wladyslaw Glowacki (aged 61, church janitor, arrested)

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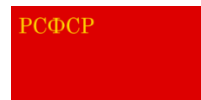
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### **Friday August 27, 1937**



### **Russia: Leningrad**

Frants Guszczko (aged 25, lathe operator, arrested on [April 3, 1937](#); sentenced to death on [August 25, 1937](#); **UPDATE:** **shot dead** in Levashovo Field)

Gabriella Aleksandrova (aged 64, arrested for allowing parishioners into their closed church, fate unknown)

Georgy Borodin (aged 21, radio technician, arrested [August 2, 1937](#); sentenced to death on [August 25, 1937](#); **UPDATE:** **shot dead** in Levashovo Field)

Fr Igor Akulov (aged 40, arrested on [July 26, 1937](#) for "anti-Soviet activity"; sentenced to death on [August 25, 1937](#); **UPDATE:** **shot dead**)

Iosif Bekker (aged 51; arrested on [August 1, 1937](#); sentenced to death on [August 25, 1937](#); **UPDATE:** **shot dead** in Levashovo Field)

Ivan Grib (aged 25, factory driver, arrested on [August 2, 1937](#); sentenced to death on [August 25, 1937](#); **UPDATE:** **shot dead** in Levashovo Field)

Jozef Guszczo (aged 29, metalworker, arrested on [April 3, 1937](#); sentenced to death on [August 25, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead** in Levashovo Field)

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<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0101>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0149>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0889>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0890>



### **Belarus: Minsk**

Fr Konstantin Andrekus (aged 62, arrested in [Minsk](#) in [June 1937](#) on charges of supporting the insurgent organization POV; convicted on [August 25, 1937](#) in [Minsk](#), sentenced to death; **UPDATE: shot dead** with four other priests)

Fr Jan Borowik (aged 60, arrested in [Minsk](#) in [May 1937](#) on counter-revolutionary charges and of supporting the insurgent organization POV, tortured; sentenced to death on [August 25, 1937](#) in [Minsk](#), **UPDATE: shot dead** with four other priests)

Fr Peter Awglo (arrested on [June 13, 1937](#) in [Mogilev](#); indicted on charges of espionage and supporting the insurgent organization POV; convicted on [August 25, 1937](#) in [Minsk](#), sentenced to death; **UPDATE: shot dead** with four other priests)

Fr Peter Janukowicz (aged 74, arrested in [Moscow](#) on [March 10, 1923](#); sentenced on [March 26, 1923](#) to 3 years' imprisonment in Lefortovo Prison; released in [January 1925](#); arrested on [June 9, 1937](#) in Fashchevka , Mogilev oblast; sentenced to death on [August 25, 1937](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**)

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

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

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0357>

**Saturday August 28, 1937**



### **Kazakhstan: Karaganda**

Fr Joseph Gottliebovich Kolsch (aged 49, arrested in [1929](#) in [Josefheim, Ukraine](#) on 'illegal religious activity' charges, sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to

Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp, Russia; released on January 29, 1936, sent into internal exile to Maikudun, Karaganda oblast; arrested on September 3, 1936; sentenced to death on August 25, 1937; **UPDATE:** shot dead in Karaganda Prison)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0381>

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### **Russia: Leningrad**

Vladimir Astapovich (aged 30, assistant military commander of the railroad technical section, arrested August 7, 1937; **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0038>

**Monday August 30, 1937**

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### **Georgia: Batumi**

Fr Gavriil Aslanishvili (aged 77, shot dead by NKVD agents in the church courtyard)

### **Georgia: Gori**

Fr Andrey Gigolashvili (aged 40, sentenced to death, later shot dead - date and place unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0037>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0834>

**Tuesday August 31, 1937**

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### **Russia: Leningrad**

Ivan Deibner (aged 33, son of Fr Johannes and Marie Panet Deibner, brother of Fr Alexander Deibner, bookkeeper, arrested on August 2, 1937; **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

Pawel Butkiewicz (aged 33, foreman, arrested on August 8, 1937; **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

Vladimir Astapovich (aged 30, assistant military commander of the railroad technical section, arrested [August 7, 1937](#); sentenced to death on [August 28, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead** in Levashovo Field)

**Russia: Temlag labor camp, Yavas, Zubovo-Polyansk raion, Mordovian ASSR**

Fr Wladyslaw Kunda (aged 55, arrested on [December 5, 1935](#) in [Belarus](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [May 20, 1936](#); sentenced to death on anti-Soviet agitation charges on [August 22, 1937](#); **UPDATE**: **shot dead**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0038>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0203>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0914>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1069>

**August 1937, date unknown**



**Russia: Siberia**

Fr Bronislaw Dunin-Wasowicz (aged 39, arrested on [March 31, 1936](#) for allegedly supporting the Polish Military Organization; sentenced in [Novosibirsk Prison](#) on [June 24, 1936](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; released in [August 1936](#) due to illness with tuberculosis, went to Zhytomyr, Ukraine for treatment, two weeks later forced to return to Siberia; **UPDATE**: arrested for allegedly supporting the Polish Military Organization)

**Russia: Tobolsk**

Theodore Ivanov (aged 42, son of Elizabeth, brother of Eugenia Mikhailovna, arrested for "preparing for an armed uprising" despite 30 years of paralysis from the waist down, taken to prison on a stretcher, last words to his family were "Dear Momma and sister, don't wait for me and don't bustle. No one will tell you the truth anyway. Pray. Don't cry for me and don't look for me!")

Elizabeth Ivanova (mother of Theodore Ivanov, present at his arrest)

Eugenia Mikhailovna (sister of Theodore Ivanov, present at his arrest, yelled at the NKVD agents "Monsters! What are you doing to the sick man? Why are you in such a hurry?" when they dropped him while moving him to the stretcher)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0940>

<http://www.pravmir.com/st-theodore-of-tobolsk-a-physically-handicapped-martyr/>



### **Ukraine: Golovan, outside Odessa**

Fr Franciszek Kotak (aged 58, suffered from epilepsy, arrested in [Szarawka, outside Vinnytsia](#) on [April 18, 1933](#), later banished for three years; **UPDATE:** [died in prison during a seizure](#))

### **Ukraine: Vitebsk**

Fr Adolf Filipp (aged 52, arrested in [Vitebsk, Ukraine](#) on [January 10, 1927](#) on 'anti-Soviet agitation' charges; sentenced on [June 20, 1927](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; transferred in [July 1929](#) to [Anzer Island](#) as “a convict who was very resolute in the expression of his views”; arrested on [July 5, 1932](#), charged with 'creating an anti-Soviet group that was carrying out anti-Soviet agitation, secretly celebrating liturgy and religious rituals and had established illegal contact with a free person for transmitting abroad information of an espionage nature'; released on [November 10, 1936](#), returned to Vitebsk; **UPDATE:** rearrested, sentenced to internal exile, possibly still alive in exile in the late 1930's, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0268>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1045>



### **Germany: Berlin**

Pastor Franz Hildebrandt (aged 28, detained at the [Dahlem, Berlin](#) home of Pastor Martin Niemoller for 7 hours on [July 1, 1937](#), released; arrested on [July 18, 1937](#) for violating the bans on collections and intercessory prayer; **UPDATE:** released two days' early due to the intervention of the Bonhoeffer family, escaped to Switzerland)

<https://openlibrary.org/works/OL15361257W/Bonhoeffer>