

## Today's Martyrs – February 1939

Tuesday February 7, 1939



### Spain: Pont de Molins, Girona

Bishop Anselmo Polanco Fontecha OSA (aged 57, used as a shield by disbanded soldiers and **shot dead** in a gorge)

Fr Felipe Ripoll Morata (aged 60, used as a shield by disbanded soldiers and **shot dead** in a gorge)

### Spain: Sora, Barcelona

Fr Lluís Ayats Font (aged 44, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faihwweb.com/martyrs/MSPC02.htm>

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

<http://www.ewtn.com/library/mary/bios95.htm#fontecha>

Friday February 10, 1939



### Vatican City

Pope Pius XI aka Ambrogio Damiano Achille Ratti (aged 81, had issued the encyclical *Mit Brennender Sorge* in **March 1937**, which had attacked the philosophical underpinnings of the Nazi regime; **UPDATE: died of natural causes**)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope\\_Pius\\_XI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Pius_XI)

Wednesday February 15, 1939



Germany: Buchenwald concentration camp

Lieutenant-Colonel Franz Heckenast (aged 49, Austrian soldier, arrested on [March 15, 1938](#) for refusing to swear the oath of loyalty to Adolf Hitler; **UPDATE:** [died](#))

[http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE\\_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fde.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fFranz\\_Heckenast](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fde.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fFranz_Heckenast)

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