

Today's Martyrs – September 1939

Friday September 1, 1939

Invasion of Poland by Germany

Beginning of World War Two



Poland

Fr Franciszek Rogaczewski (aged 47, arrested and tortured by the Germans)

Poland: Danzig

Fr Bronislaw Komorowski (aged 51, arrested by the Germans)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franciszek_Rogaczewski

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bronis%C5%82aw_Komorowski_\(priest\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bronis%C5%82aw_Komorowski_(priest))

Sunday September 17, 1939

Invasion of Poland by the Soviet Union



Poland

Fr Adam Brendanovich (captured as a POW by the Soviets)

Poland – now Ukraine: Khyriv

Fr Franciszek Brzegowy SJ (aged 47, arrested by the Soviets and transported to a prison camp, lost his voice)

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<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0174>

Monday September 18, 1939



Poland: Poznan

Cardinal August Hlond (aged 58, fled the country at the request of the government, reported to the Vatican on the extent of German atrocities)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/August_Hlond

Tuesday September 19, 1939



Russia: near Murmansk

Stanislaw Laus (aged 30, son of Ivan Laus, factory worker in [Leningrad](#), arrested in [April 1932](#); sentenced on [June 19, 1932](#) to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent into internal exile [near Murmansk](#) upon his release; **UPDATE**: arrested)

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Poland: Niepokalanow monastery, Teresin

German police arrest 40 Franciscan priests and monks, 20 who had been injured in bombings were left behind

Fr Ludwik Bartosik OFM Conv (aged 30, arrested)

Fr Maximilian Maria Kolbe OFM Conv aka Raymund Kolbe (aged 45, arrested)

Poland - now Ukraine: Kotov

Fr Jan Gach (aged 46, **shot dead** by Soviet troops in retaliation for shots having been fired from his bell tower)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0804>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maximilian_Kolbe

<http://missionimmaculata.com/index.php/mi-saints/blessed-martyrs-of-niepokalanow>

Monday September 25, 1939



Ukraine: Kiev

Sofia Krasovskaya (aged 47, secondary school teacher, arrested on [March 23, 1939](#) for 'assisting a fugitive priest [Fr Andronik Rudenko] and anti-Soviet agitation'; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 2 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Tselgelag in Russia)

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Poland: Dub, outside Tomaszow Lubelski

Three priests, the church organist, and a church warden were murdered by the Soviets

Fr Mikolaj Kapuszczyński SDB (aged 25, **killed**)

Fr Stefan Fabianski SDB (aged 28, **killed**)

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Wednesday September 27, 1939



Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Fr Konrad Just OC (aged 37; Austrian, arrested [June 10, 1938](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to Buchenwald)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?from=de&to=en&a=http%3A%2F%2Fde.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FKonrad_Just

September 1939, date unknown



Ukraine: Starobelsk

Fr Adamski (Polish citizen, military chaplain, last seen at the Soviet POW camp in Starobelsk, fate unknown, **possibly killed in the Katyn forest massacre** by the NKVD)

Ukraine

Fr Piotr Andyrka (Polish citizen, military chaplain, fate unknown, **possibly killed in the Katyn forest massacre** by the NKVD)

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Poland

Fr Albert Brzozowski OFM (aged 25, arrested by the Soviets, sent to a POW camp)

Fr Alexander Dubel (aged 33, military chaplain with the rank of colonel, arrested by the Soviets, sent to the Ostashkov POW camp in Russia)

Fr Dominik Drabczynski OFM (aged 23, military chaplain with the rank of lieutenant, arrested by the Soviets, sent to the Starobelsk POW camp in Ukraine)

Bishop Edward Chmura (arrested by the Soviets, sent to a POW camp in Kozelsk, Russia, fate unknown)

Fr Edward Choma (aged 50, military chaplain with the rank of major, arrested by the Soviets and sent to the POW camp in Kozelsk, Russia)

Fr Feliks Czeslja (aged 32, army chaplain, fate unknown)

Fr Henryk Dorebowicz (aged 36, arrested by the Soviet Army, transported to a POW camp)

Fr Jozef Czemerajda (aged 36, army chaplain with the rank of major, arrested by the Soviets, sent to the Starobelsk POW camp in Ukraine)

Fr Jozef Garacz OFM (aged 25, arrested by the Soviets, sent to a camp)

Fr Jozef Kasprzak (aged 53, arrested, sent to Ostashkov POW camp in the Tver oblast of Russia)

Fr Mieczyslaw Janas (aged 29, military chaplain, captured by the Soviets, sent to the Ostashkov POW camp in Russia)

Fr Mikolaj Cichowicz (aged 43, military chaplain with the rank of captain, arrested by the Soviets, sent to Kozelsk POW camp in Russia)

Fr Stanislaw Chmielewski (aged 31, military chaplain, arrested by the Soviets, sent to the Starobelsk POW camp in Ukraine)

Fr Stanislaw Kontek (aged 35, military chaplain, arrested by the Soviets, sent to Kozelsk POW camp in Russia)

Poland - now Belarus: Baranovichi

Fr Antoni Aleksandrowicz (aged 46, arrested by the Soviets)

Poland - now Belarus: Grodno

Fr Wiktor Judicki (aged 34, military chaplain, captured by the Soviet army, sent to the Kozelsk POW camp)

Poland - now Belarus: Mstislavl

Fr Władysław Grzebala (aged 50, arrested by the Soviets, sentenced to death but probably sent to a camp, fate unknown)

Poland - now Belarus: Rubryn

Fr Jan Jadrzewski (aged 36, arrested by the Soviets, sent to a camp)

Poland - now Belarus: Shchitniki

Fr Ignacy Drozdowicz (aged 36, arrested, sent to Starobelsk POW Camp in Ukraine)

Poland - now Ukraine: Ostroh

Fr Boleslaw Kranc OFM Cap (aged 28, military chaplain, later organized Polish Home Army units)

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Czech Republic: Prague

Fr Jan Kolner-Brinsko (aged 26, Slovak national, forced by the Gestapo to leave for Slovakia, worked in a paper factory)

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