

## Today's Martyrs – November 1939

**Saturday November 4, 1939**



**Poland - now Ukraine: Nadvirna**

Fr Stepan Gonczarek (aged 45, arrested by the Soviets)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0859>

**Tuesday November 7, 1939**



**Poland**

Auxiliary Bishop Michal Kozal (aged 46, arrested along with 44 priests and seminarians)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Micha%C5%82\\_Kozal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Micha%C5%82_Kozal)

**Thursday November 9, 1939**



**Germany: St Blasien, Waldshut district, Baden-Wurttemberg**

Deacon Karl Leisner (arrested by the Gestapo in a tuberculosis sanitarium after he said “Too bad” upon hearing Hitler had escaped an assassination attempt)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karl\\_Leisner](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karl_Leisner)

**Saturday November 11, 1939**



### **Poland: Piasnica**

Sr Alicja Jadwiga Kotowska (aged 40, **killed** by the Nazis)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alicja\\_Kotowska](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alicja_Kotowska)

**Monday November 13, 1939**



### **Ukraine: Lviv prison**

Archimandrite Fabian Abrantowicz MIC (aged 55, detained by Soviet border guards on **October 22, 1939**; **UPDATE**: tortured, indicted for espionage)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0002>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fabijan\\_Abrantovich](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fabijan_Abrantovich)

**Wednesday November 15, 1939**



### **Germany: Stuttgart**

Pastor Julius von Jan (aged 42, Confessing Church member, delivered a **November 16, 1938** homily in **Lenningen** entitled "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord!" in which he condemned the persecution of the Jews and said great corruption was to come to Germany; beaten by the SA on **November 23, 1938** for being a "Jewish servant", arrested and placed in 'protective custody'; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 16 months imprisonment)

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julius\\_von\\_Jan](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julius_von_Jan) - with translation

**Wednesday November 22, 1939**



**Germany: Hohenbercha**

Fr Korbinian Aigner (aged 54, arrested for a homily on "Thou shalt not kill" in which he said the recent failed assassination of Hitler might have saved a million people, sent to Freising prison)

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korbinian\\_Aigner](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korbinian_Aigner) - with translation

**Thursday November 30, 1939**



**China: Huangchuan, Henan**

Sr Bai Maria OHF (aged 20, **killed** while resisting rape)

Sr Zhang Teresa OHF (aged 21, **killed** while resisting rape)

[http://newsaints.faiweb.com/new\\_martyrs/defense\\_of\\_self.htm](http://newsaints.faiweb.com/new_martyrs/defense_of_self.htm)

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