

## Today's Martyrs – February 1940

**Sunday February 11, 1940**



### **Poland - now Belarus: Drahichyn**

Fr Boleslaw Dzudziewicz (aged 32, arrested by the Soviets)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0950>

**Tuesday February 13, 1940**



### **Germany: Berlin**

Pastor Heinrich Gruber (organized the hiding of Jews among his parishioners during Kristallnacht on [November 9, 1938](#); **UPDATE:** discovered the deportation of 1,200 German Jews to Poland, convinced Prussian State Minister Hermann Goring to temporarily stop the deportations, later threatened with arrest by the Gestapo)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jesus\\_Church\\_\(Berlin-Kaulsdorf\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jesus_Church_(Berlin-Kaulsdorf))

**Saturday February 17, 1940**



### **Poland - now Ukraine: Lviv**

Fr Jerzy Jaglasz (aged 31, arrested by the Soviets)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1566>

**Tuesday February 20, 1940**



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**Russia: Adygea ASSR**

Olga Fitsner (aged 55, office worker, arrested in [Moscow](#) on [January 15, 1934](#); sentenced on [February 12, 1934](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; released from [Bamlag labor camp](#) on [December 2, 1937](#), exiled to [Adygea ASSR](#); **UPDATE**: arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0269>



**Poland: Pozan**

Fr Ludwik Mzyk SVD (aged 34, arrested by the Gestapo on [January 25, 1940](#); **UPDATE**: beaten and **shot dead**)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ludwik\\_Mzyk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ludwik_Mzyk)

**Thursday February 22, 1940**



**Germany: Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp**

Fr Albert Willimsky (arrested in [Podjuchy, Stettin](#) in [January 1940](#) for anti-Nazi remarks and for aiding Polish slave laborers; **UPDATE**: **died**)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert\\_Willimsky](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert_Willimsky)

**Saturday February 24, 1940**



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**Russia: Velskii Lespromkhoz, Arkhangelsk oblast**

Jozef Czernecki (aged 30, farmer, arrested in Luchitsa, Sokolsk district, Poland [now Ukraine] in early 1940, arrived at internal exile, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1529>

**February 1940, date unknown**



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**Russia: Ostashkov POW camp**

Fr Kamil Kantak (aged 59, transferred from the [Kozelsk POW camp](#) to the [Ostashkov POW camp](#) on [December 24, 1939](#), had been arrested in [Pinsk](#) along with his sister Maria Szilgan; **UPDATE:** transferred to Moscow)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0987>