

Today's Martyrs – July 1940

Wednesday July 3, 1940



Austria: Landeck, Tyrol

Fr Josef Zotz (aged 38, arrested for speaking against anti-Semitism in his homilies and for aiding Wehrmacht deserters)

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%2fJosef_Zotz



Netherlands: Nijmegen

Fr Robert Hubert Wiliem Regout SJ (aged 44, law professor, arrested after publishing "The legal situation in the occupied territories" which specified which German actions might be illegal)

https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Hubert_Willem_Regout - with translation

Monday July 8, 1940



Germany: Brandenburg an der Havel

Lothar Ernst Paul Kreyssig (aged 41, district court judge, member of the Confessing Church, reported to the Minister of Justice that he suspected that mentally disabled adults and children under the jurisdiction of his court were being murdered in an euthanasia campaign, later issued an injunction prohibiting the movement of his charges to the euthanasia centers, and filed a charge of murder against Philipp Bouhler, a top aide to Adolph Hitler)

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

Wednesday July 10, 1940



Ukraine: Zhytomyr

Eleonora Jdrzejewska (arrested, had hidden Fr Pawel Welik in her home from February through July 1940)

Sofia Bratkowska ACJ (arrested, had hidden Fr Pawel Welik in her home from February through July 1940)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0164>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0360>



Romania - now Ukraine: Izmail

Fr Johannes Hondru (aged 63, arrested by the Soviets)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1832>

Sunday July 14, 1940



Germany: Konigsberg – now Russia: Kaliningrad

Gestapo agents broke up a church conference

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (aged 34, **UPDATE**: ejected from the conference)

<https://openlibrary.org/books/OL25892903M/Bonhoeffer>

Thursday July 18, 1940



Lithuania: Kaunas

Chiune Sugihara (aged 40, convert, Japanese diplomat, against his orders began to issue visas that allowed 10,000 Jews entry to Japan)

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

Tuesday July 23, 1940



Austria: Vienna

Jakob Kastelic (aged 43, attorney, husband, arrested on for anti-Nazi activities)

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%2fJacob_Kastelic

Wednesday July 24, 1940



Germany: Oranienburg, Brandenburg

Fr Josef Pollak (aged 64, Austrian, **died**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Austria.htm

Saturday July 27, 1940



Poland - now Ukraine: Nadvirna

Fr Stepan Gonczarek (aged 46, arrested by the Soviets on [November 4, 1939](#); **UPDATE:** sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Soroklag, later transferred to Oneglag)

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

Wednesday July 31, 1940



Kazakhstan: Almaty oblast

Fr Joseph Krushinski (aged 75, arrested in [Karlsruhe, near Odessa, Ukraine](#), in 1932, sent into 3 years' internal exile; sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [April 28, 1935](#); sentence of 10 years' imprisonment commuted in [September 1935](#) to 3 additional years in internal exile, worked as a shepherd and as an underground priest; **UPDATE:** died)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1063>

July 1940, date unknown



Poland - now Ukraine: Lviv

Fr Franciszek Janocha OFM (aged 28, arrested by the Soviets, sentenced to death, commuted to imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Unzhlag)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1715>