

Today's Martyrs – December 1940

Saturday December 7, 1940



Germany: Buchenwald concentration camp

Fr Konrad Just OC (aged 38; arrested [June 10, 1938](#); **UPDATE**: transferred back to Dachau)

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

Sunday December 8, 1940



Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Fr Andreas Rieser (aged 31, Austrian national, arrested in [Dorfgastein](#) on [June 23, 1938](#); arrived at [Dachau](#) on [August 3, 1938](#), once was forced to make and wear a crown of barbed wire, Jewish inmates were then forced to strike and spit on him; transferred to [Buchenwald](#) on [September 27, 1939](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to Dachau, survived a death march at the end of the war, suffered from the effects of his imprisonment for the rest of his life)

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andreas_Rieser – with translation

Tuesday December 10, 1940



Luxembourg

Fr Franz Loh SCJ (German citizen, sentenced in absentia in [April 1936](#) to 8 years' imprisonment, his religious community was fined 500,000 marks; **UPDATE**: arrested)

http://www.scj.org/scj_homp/we-scj/martyers_loh_03022001.html#e

Saturday December 14, 1940



Germany

Fr Dominik Jedrzejewski (aged 64, Polish citizen, arrested on [August 26, 1940](#); **UPDATE**: sent to Dachau)

Germany: Dachau Concentration Camp

Fr Stefan Biskupski (Polish citizen, arrived)

Germany: Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp

Fr Alojzy Prabucki (aged 44, Polish citizen, brother of Fr Pawel Prabucki and Fr Boleslaw Prabucki, arrested in [Gronowo, Poland](#) in the [autumn of 1939](#), sent to Sachsenhausen; **UPDATE**: transferred to Dachau concentration camp)

Fr Boleslaw Prabucki (aged 38, Polish citizen, brother of Fr Alojzy Prabucki and Fr Pawel Prabucki, arrested in [Mokre, Poland](#) in the [autumn of 1939](#), sent to Sachsenhausen; **UPDATE**: transferred to Dachau concentration camp)

Fr Vladislaw Adamski (aged 51, Polish citizen arrested on [August 26, 1940](#) in [Ludzisko, Poland](#), sent to Szczeglin transit camp; transferred on [August 29, 1940](#) to Sachsenhausen; **UPDATE**: transferred to Dachau concentration camp)

Fr Pawel Prabucki (aged 47, Polish citizen, brother of Fr Alojzy Prabucki and Fr Boleslaw Prabucki, arrested in [Gostkowo, Poland](#) in the [autumn of 1939](#), sent to Sachsenhausen; **UPDATE**: transferred to Dachau concentration camp)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dominik_J%C4%99drzejewski

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26360161M/The_Priest_Barracks

<http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr0010.htm>

Sunday December 15, 1940



Germany: Dachau Concentration Camp

Fr Hugo Pfeil (arrived)

Germany: Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp

Fr Carl Lampert (aged 46, arrested in [Innsbruck, Austria](#) on [August 25, 1940](#) and sent to [Dachau](#) for publishing an obituary on the death of Fr Otto Neuruer; sent to [Sachsenhausen](#) on [September 1, 1940](#); **UPDATE:** sent to Dachau Concentration Camp)

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pfarrerblock_\(KZ_Dachau\)](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pfarrerblock_(KZ_Dachau)) - with translation
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Lampert

Monday December 16, 1940



Thailand: Muang Phaluka, Nakhon Phanom

Filip Siphong Onphithakt (aged 33, husband, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1940.htm>

Thursday December 19, 1940



Germany: Berlin

Pastor Heinrich Gruber (married, father of three, organized the hiding of Jews among his parishioners during Kristallnacht on [November 9, 1938](#); discovered the [February 13, 1940](#) 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; **UPDATE:** arrested by the Gestapo for attempting to travel to occupied France to visit more deported German Jews)

Margarete Gruber (wife of Pastor Heinrich Gruber)

Ingeborg Gruber (daughter of Pastor Heinrich Gruber)

Hans-Rolf Gruber (son of Pastor Heinrich Gruber)

Ernst-Hartmut Gruber (son of Pastor Heinrich Gruber)

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

Saturday December 21, 1940



Germany

Pastor Heinrich Gruber (married, father of three, arrested by the Gestapo on [December 19, 1940](#) for attempting to travel to occupied France to visit more deported German Jews;

UPDATE: transferred to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp)

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

Thursday December 26, 1940



Thailand: Ban Song Khon, Mukdahan

Akatha Phuttha (aged 58, Laotian national, **killed**)

Bibiana Khamphai (aged 15, **killed**)

Sr Lusia Khambang (aged 23, **killed**)

Sr Margarita Phila (aged 31, **killed**)

Maria Phon (aged 11, **killed**)

Sesilia Butsi (aged 16, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1940.htm>

December 1940, date unknown



Germany: Brandenburg an der Havel

Lothar Ernst Paul Kreyssig (aged 42, district court judge, member of the Confessing Church, reported to the Minister of Justice on [July 8, 1940](#) 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; summoned to the Justice Ministry in [Berlin](#) on [November 13, 1940](#), after being shown the T4 euthanasia program authorization that had been signed by Adolph Hitler said "The Fuhrer's word does not create a right", was then told "If you cannot recognize the will of the Fuhrer as a source of law, then you cannot remain a judge"; **UPDATE**: suspended from the judiciary)

Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Sr Irmagardis Smuckova OSMT (aged 56, Czech national, **killed**)

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

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech1.htm