

Today's Martyrs – May 1941

Wednesday May 7, 1941



Croatia: Zagreb

Metropolitan Dositej Vasic (aged 62, arrested by the Ustashi government, tortured, later released and sent to a monastery in Belgrade)

https://sr.wikipedia.org/sr-el/Доситеј_Васић - with translation



Poland - now Ukraine: Lviv

Fr Antoni Guzik SDB (aged 49, arrested on [April 24, 1940](#) for 'anti-Soviet agitation'; **UPDATE:** sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Starobelsk POW Camp in Ukraine)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0891>

Thursday May 8, 1941



Poland: Auschwitz Concentration Camp

Fr Jan Eugeniusz Wilkowska OFM Conv (aged 26, arrested on [February 17, 1941](#) in [Niepokalanow monastery, Teresin](#) by the Gestapo; transferred from [Piwiak Prison in Warsaw](#) to Auschwitz on [April 4, 1941](#); **UPDATE: died**)

Fr Konrad Saweda (administered last rites to Fr Jan Eugeniusz Wilkowska)

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



Austria: Hartheim euthanasia center, Alkhoven, Eferding

Fr Gottfried Neunhauserer OSB (aged 59, **gassed**)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.salzburg.com%2fwiki%2findex.php%2fGottfried_Neunh%25C3%25A4userer

Friday May 9, 1941



Austria: Mauthausen concentration camp

Fr Jozef Cebula OMI (aged 39, Polish citizen, arrested on **April 2, 1941**; **UPDATE**: **shot dead** after telling a guard "It is not you who are in charge. God will judge you")

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J%C3%B3zef_Cebula

Monday May 12, 1941



Kazakhstan

Catherine Galler (aged 65, widow, arrested in **Kiev, Ukraine** on **July 29, 1935** for donating money to persecuted Christians and keeping religious literature in her home; sentenced to 3 years' internal exile on **May 14, 1936**; sentence extended another 3 years on **May 11, 1938** for 'anti-Soviet agitation'; **UPDATE**: released)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0288>



Croatia: Glina

Fr Bogdan Opacic (locked inside his church with 160-317 others by Ustase soldiers, **killed** when the church was set afire, 100 more were killed the next day at Prekopi)

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

Wednesday May 14, 1941



Croatia: Zagreb

Archbishop Aloysius Viktor Stepinac (aged 43, sent a letter to Ustase leader Ante Pavelic protesting the massacre at [Glina](#), received no reply)

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



Czech Republic

Fr Vaclav Celestin Sulc OH (aged 49, arrested by the Gestapo, sent to Pankrac prison)

<http://www.ustrcr.cz/cs/vaclav-celestin-sulc> - with translation

Saturday May 17, 1941



Ukraine

Fr Ignacy Drozdowicz (aged 38, arrested in [Shchitniki, Poland](#) in [September 1939](#), sent to Starobelsk POW Camp in Ukraine; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, possibly sent to Sibltag labor camp in Russia)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0932>



Poland - now Ukraine: Kolomyia

Fr Kazimierz Kozlowski SJ (aged 39, arrested in [1940](#) by the Soviets; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Sevvostoklag in Magadan oblast, Russia)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0899>

Friday May 23, 1941



Poland: Krakow

Fr Jozef Kowalski (aged 30, arrested by the Gestapo and tortured)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J%C3%B3zef_Kowalski_\(priest\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J%C3%B3zef_Kowalski_(priest))



Austria: Hartheim euthanasia center, Alkoven, Eferding

Fr Franz Steurer (aged 34, gassed)

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

Sunday May 25, 1941



Poland - now Lithuania: Vilnius

Fr Kazimierz Kucharski SJ (aged 46, arrested, transferred to Butyrka Prison in Moscow)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1130>

Wednesday May 28, 1941



Poland

Fr Maximilian Maria Kolbe OFM Conv aka Raymund Kolbe (aged 47, arrested with four others by the Gestapo on [February 17, 1941](#) in Niepokalanow monastery, Teresin; **UPDATE:** transferred to Auschwitz)

Poland: Dzialdowo concentration camp

Bishop Antoni Julian Nowowiejski (aged 83, beaten when he refused to profane Christian symbols, **died**)

Poland - now Ukraine: Lviv

Fr Wiktor Cebrowski (arrested by the Soviets on [September 28, 1940](#); **UPDATE:** sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Starobelsk)

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

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

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1502>



Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Fr Lacina Jaroslav CCOP (aged 51, Czech national, **killed**)

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

May 1941, date unknown



Poland: Belostok Prison

Fr Ryszard Grabski OFM Cap (aged 31, captured by German border guards while illegally crossing from Soviet held territory in [1940](#), handed over to Soviet border guards; **UPDATE:** sent to Kotlas, Arkhangelsk oblast, Russia)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0315>