

Today's Martyrs – May 1942

Monday May 4, 1942



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Russia: Kargopol camp

Fr Peter Heut (aged 48, jailed in [Marianovka, Berdyansk, Ukraine](#) in 1930, released; arrested in [Weizendorf](#) on [January 22, 1933](#); sentenced on [September 10, 1933](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Belbaltlag](#); transferred to [Kargopol camp](#) on [July 6, 1941](#); **UPDATE:** [died](#))

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0893>



Poland: Warsaw

Archimandrite Grigol Peradze (aged 43, went into exile after the Communist occupation of [Georgia](#) on [February 25, 1921](#); **UPDATE:** arrested by the Gestapo for activities in sympathy with Christians and Jews)

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



Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Fr Jozef Czempiel (Polish citizen, [murdered](#))

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J%C3%B3zef_Czempiel

Thursday May 7, 1942



Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Fr Josef Krebs (aged 67, Czech national, **died**)

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

Tuesday May 12, 1942



Vatican City

Fr Pirro Scavizzi (Italian military chaplain, while travelling with his unit in [Poland and Russia](#) at the end of [February 1942](#) began to compile a report of concentration camps where tens of thousands disappeared, included reports of the smoke from the crematorium at Auschwitz; **UPDATE**: presented his report to Pope Pius XII, said later that the pope upon receiving the news raised his hands to heaven and “wept like a child”)

https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17318218W/Church_of_Spies

Friday May 15, 1942



Austria: Frankenburg am Hausruck, Vocklabruck

Fr Woldemar Theodor Grossmann (aged 71, arrested in [Steyr](#) on [December 22, 1939](#) for anti-Nazi comments made in the confessional, convicted on [March 28, 1940](#); **UPDATE**: **died from heart failure**)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fdioezese-linzold.at%2fordinariat%2fdioezesanarchiv%2fbiografien%2fgrossmann.asp%3fdrucken%3dja

Monday May 18, 1942



Germany: Lubeck

Fr Johannes Prassek (aged 31, arrested for aiding the anti-Nazi activities of Pastor Karl Friedrich Stellbrink)

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

Sunday May 24, 1942



Yugoslavia: Zagreb

Archbishop Aloysius Viktor Stepinac (aged 44, wrote in a diocesan letter "All men and all races are children of God; all without distinction. Those who are Gypsies, Black, European, or Aryan all have the same rights...for this reason, the Catholic Church had always condemned, and continues to condemn, all injustice and all violence committed in the name of theories of class, race, or nationality. It is not permissible to persecute Gypsies or Jews because they are thought to be an inferior race")

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

Monday May 25, 1942



Austria: Hartheim euthanasia center, Alkoven, Eferding

Fr Joseph Benedict Stoffels (aged 47, arrested by the Gestapo in [Paris, France](#) on [March 7, 1941](#) for aiding refugees, sent to Buchenwald concentration camp; transferred to Dachau concentration camp on [September 21, 1941](#); **UPDATE: gassed**)

http://newsaints.faihtweb.com/new_martyrs/Luxembourg.htm

http://www.scj.org/scj_homp/we-scj/martyers_wampach_stoffel_20012001.html#e

Tuesday May 26, 1942



Austria: Hartheim euthanasia center, Alkhoven

Archbishop Jan Maria Michal Kowalski (Polish citizen, husband of Izabela Wilucka, **gassed**)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan_Maria_Micha%C5%82_Kowalski

Wednesday May 27, 1942



Austria: Vienna

Grete Forst (aged 63, convert, opera singer, placed on a transport to the Maly Trostenets concentration camp)

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

Thursday May 28, 1942



Czech Republic

Fr Stepan Trochta SDB (aged 37, arrested by the Gestapo in 1940, released for lack of evidence;
UPDATE: arrested, sent to Terezin, Mauthausen and Dachau concentration camps)

https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C5%A0t%C4%9Bp%C3%A1n_Trochta - with translation



Austria: Paternion

Fr Anton Koperek (aged 40, arrested for ministering to Polish slave laborers)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fhirschen.wordpress.com%2f2009%2f01%2f02%2fanton-koperek-der-pfarrer-in-der-kreuzen-bei-paternion%2f

May 1942, date unknown



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Russia: Belbaltlag labor camp

Fr Adolf Kucharski (arrested by the Soviets in [Poland](#) in the autumn of [1939](#), sent to a camp;

UPDATE: not amnestied, fate unknown)

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