

Today's Martyrs – January 1943

Friday January 1, 1943



Slovenia: Mirna

Janez Hocevar (seminarian, **shot dead**)

Lojze Grozde (aged 19, student, tortured, **shot dead**, found with a copy of *The Imitation of Christ*)

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

Wednesday January 13, 1943



USSR

Fr Jan Kapusta SDB (aged 49, arrested in [Dzyatlava, Poland \[now Belarus\]](#) in 1940, sent to a prison camp; amnestied as a Polish citizen in [February 1942](#); arrested on [August 10, 1942](#) as the Polish Armed Forces of the East was exiting the [USSR](#) into [Iran](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Vorkutlag in Russia)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0989>

Wednesday January 20, 1943



Russia: Sevvostoklag labor camp, Magadan oblast

Fr Teobald Kopp (aged 51, arrested in [Strassburg, Ukraine](#) on [June 6, 1935](#); sentenced on [October 8, 1935](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; sentence completed, detained in the camp on [April 29, 1942](#) until the end of the war; **UPDATE**: **died**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0408>

Friday January 22, 1943



Poland - now Belarus: Janow Poleski

Fr Witold Iwicki (aged 59, arrested in [Petrograd](#) on [September 20, 1920](#) on counter-revolutionary and espionage charges; sentenced on [October 14, 1920](#) to confinement in a prison camp until the end of the Civil War; released in [early 1921](#) due to illness, sent to Poland in a prisoner exchange; **UPDATE: shot dead** by the Gestapo, had aided Jews and others)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0975>

Saturday January 30, 1943



Germany: Dachau Concentration Camp

Auxiliary Bishop Michal Kozal (aged 49, Polish citizen, arrested along with 44 priests and seminarians in [Poland](#) on [November 7, 1939](#), tortured; **UPDATE: killed with a lethal injection** after contracting typhus)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Micha%C5%82_Kozal

January 1943, date unknown



Poland - now Ukraine: Volodymyr-Volynsky

Fr Stanislaw Kobylecki (aged 40, arrested by the Soviets in [Volodymyr-Volynsky](#) in [1940](#); escaped from [Lutsk prison](#) during the [June 1941](#) execution of prisoners by the Soviet Army; arrested by the German Gestapo in [Volodymyr-Volynsky](#) in [October 1942](#); **UPDATE: released**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1038>



Croatia: Jasenovac concentration camp, Slovenia

Vukasin Klepacki (aged 50-60, ordered by a camp guard to give homage to Croatian dictator Ante Pavelic, remained silent, in response was **hacked to death**, during the attack called his killer “My child”)

http://jasenovac-info.com/biblioteka/sveti_Vukasin_1.html - with translation



France

Fr Pierre Cesar SJ (published religious articles denouncing Nazi anti-Semitism; **UPDATE:** arrested by the Gestapo, later released thanks to false papers, helped Jews escape to Spain and Switzerland)

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