

Today's Martyrs – June 1943

Thursday June 10, 1943



France: La Roche-sur-Foron,

Fr Camille Folliet (arrested by the OVRA [Italian secret police], had smuggled Jews and deserters to Switzerland)

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

Wednesday June 23, 1943



Bulgaria: Sofia

Metropolitan Stefan aka Stoyan Popgueorguiev (offices raided by police on [May 28, 1943](#) in retaliation for his letter of the previous day, 490 applications for baptismal certificates from Jews seized, including 104 for children; **UPDATE**: reported to his colleagues that he had received threats from the Otez Paisii fascist group)

<http://db.yadvashem.org/righteous/family.html?language=en&itemId=4067700>



Germany: Lubeck

A Lutheran pastor and three Catholic priests are convicted of treason and sentenced to death

Fr Eduard Muller (aged 32, arrested on [June 22, 1942](#) for aiding Pastor Karl Friedrich Stellbrink)

Fr Hermann Lange (aged 31, arrested on [June 15, 1942](#) for aiding Pastor Karl Friedrich Stellbrink)

Fr Johannes Prassek (aged 32, arrested on [May 18, 1942](#) for aiding Pastor Karl Friedrich Stellbrink)

Pastor Karl Friedrich Stellbrink (aged 49, husband of Hildegard Stellbrink, said in a Palm Sunday homily on [March 29, 1942](#) that the RAF bombing of Lubeck the previous day was divine punishment; arrested on [April 7, 1942](#); **UPDATE**: later ejected from Holy Orders due to his conviction)

Germany: Dachau Concentration Camp

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, transferred to [Sachsenhausen](#) on [December 21, 1940](#), and later to Dachau; **UPDATE**: released with a promise that he would no longer assist the persecuted, reported to the Confessing Church on concentration camp conditions)

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

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

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

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eduard_M%C3%BCller_\(martyr\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eduard_M%C3%BCller_(martyr))

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

Thursday June 24, 1943



Germany: Lubeck

Adolph Ehrtmann (aged 46, politician, arrested in [April 1942](#) for his involvement with Pastor Karl Friedrich Stellbrink and the Catholic chaplains; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment, survived the war)

Stephan Hubertus Pfurtner (aged 20, medical student, soldier, sentenced to six month's imprisonment for his involvement with Fr Johannes Prassek, released with time served)

<http://www.luebeckermaartyrer.de/en/geschichte/personen.html>

Tuesday June 29, 1943



Germany

Fr Max Josef Metzger (arrested by the Gestapo for writing a letter to a Swedish archbishop concerning post-Nazi Germany)

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



Vatican City

Pope Pius XII aka Eugenio Maria Giuseppe Giovanni Pacelli (aged 67, **UPDATE**: issued the encyclical *Mystici Corporis Christi*, which condemned racial hatred and the murder of the unfit)

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

June 1943, date unknown



Poland – later Ukraine: Kovel, Volyn

Fr Jozef Czechowicz OFM Cap (aged 31, Polish citizen, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Ukraine3.htm



Norway: Holen

Bishop Arne Fjellbu (aged 52, U.S. citizen, held an alternative ceremony during the [February 1, 1942](#) inauguration of the Nazi-imposed Quisling government; fired from his position by the government on [February 19, 1942](#); imprisoned in [Falstad concentration camp](#) on [March 19, 1942](#); released on [June 9, 1942](#), banished to [Holen](#); **UPDATE**: banished to Andoya)

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