

Today's Martyrs – July 1943

Tuesday July 6, 1943



Austria: Vienna

Fr Anton Granig (aged 43, arrested for anti-Nazi activities)

Fr Eduard Steinwender OFM (aged 48, arrested for anti-Nazi activities)

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Saturday July 10, 1943



Czech Republic

Fr Richard Henkes (aged 43, German citizen, arrested on [April 8, 1943](#) in [Strahovice](#) by the Gestapo on a charge of "sedition of the nation from the pulpit" for his anti-Nazi homilies;
UPDATE: transferred to Dachau concentration camp)

https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Henke s - with translation

Sunday July 11, 1943

Over 100 settlements were attacked by the Ukrainian Insurgent Army

Thousands of Poles and their Ukrainian protectors were killed



Poland - now Ukraine: Chrynow

Fr Jan Kotwicki (aged 45, arrested on [May 9, 1924](#), later hospitalized, sent to [Kharkiv Prison](#) and then to [Butyrka Prison in Moscow](#); released in a [1927](#) prisoner exchange, sent to [Poland](#); **UPDATE: murdered** by the Ukrainian Insurgent Army along with other Polish and Ukrainian victims)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1046>

Tuesday July 13, 1943



Belarus: Naumowicze

Marianna Czokalo Biernacka (aged 55, persuaded German soldiers to allow her to take the place of her condemned pregnant daughter-in-law, **shot dead**)

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



Germany: Stadelheim prison, Munich

Alexander Schmorell (aged 25, medical student, White Rose resistance leader, arrested [February 24, 1943](#), **UPDATE: guillotined**, wrote in his last letter to his father and stepmother "Now it shall be none other than this, and by the will of God, today I shall have my earthly life come to a close in order to go into another, which will never end and in which all of us will again meet. Let this future meeting be your comfort and your hope. Unfortunately, this blow will be harder for you than for me, because I go in the certainty, that in my deep conviction, I have served the truth. All of this leaves me with a calm conscience, despite how near the hour of death is. Think of the millions of young men who have lost their lives outside in the fields. Their lot is mine as well. Greet all my dear friends from my heart. Especially, though, Natascha, Erich, Nyanya, Aunt Toni, Maria, Alyonushka, and Andrei. In just a few hours I will be in a better life, by my mother, and I will not forget you; I will ask God to grant you solace and peace. And I will wait for you! One thing, above all, let me leave this on your hearts: Never forget God!!!")

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

Thursday July 15, 1943



Poland: Sonnenburg concentration camp

Fr Denys Chenault OP (aged 44, French citizen, **died**)

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



Germany: Ravensbruck concentration camp

Leopold Engleitner (aged 37, conscientious objector, arrested **April 4, 1939**; **UPDATE**: released, weighed 62 lbs, sent to work on a farm as a slave laborer)

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

Monday July 19, 1943



Poland: Borowikowszczyzna

Jozef Achilles Puchala (aged 32, **died from torture**)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J%C3%B3zef_Achilles_Pucha%C5%82a

Thursday July 22, 1943



Germany: Plötzensee prison, Berlin

Theodor Hespers (aged 39, fled Germany in **April 1933** to publish anti-Nazi Christian literature in the Netherlands, became a Dutch citizen; arrested by the Gestapo in **Antwerp** on **February 10, 1942**, tortured; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

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

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Friday July 30, 1943



Italy: Cuneo province

Fr Camille Folliet (smuggled Jews and deserters to Switzerland, arrested on **June 10, 1943** in **La Roche-sur-Foron, France** by the OVRA [Italian secret police]; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years imprisonment)

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

Saturday July 31, 1943



Poland - now Belarus: Nowogrodek

Eleven nuns arrested by the Gestapo without provocation

Sr Adela Mardosewicz CSFN (aged 54)

Sr Anna Kokołowicz CSFN (aged 50)

Sr Eleonora Aniela Jozwik CSFN (aged 48)

Sr Eugenia Mackiewicz CSFN (aged 39)

Sr Helena Cierpka CSFN (aged 43)

Sr Jadwiga Karolina Zak CSFN (aged 50)

Sr Jozefa Chrobot CSFN (aged 47)

Sr Julia Rapiej CSFN (aged 42)

Sr Leokadia Matuszewska CSFN (aged 37)

Sr Paulina Borowik CSFN (aged 37)

Sr Weronika Narmontowicz CSFN (aged 26)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blessed_Martyrs_of_Nowogr%C3%B3dek

July 1943, date unknown



Ukraine

Fr Jozef Aleksandrowicz (aged 74, arrested by the Bolsheviks in Slavety in 1919; released from Novospassky prison, Moscow in 1924, sent to Poland in a prisoner exchange; **UPDATE: murdered** during the Divine Liturgy on July 5 or 11, 1943 by members of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0016>



Germany

Hans Wolfel (aged 42, Austrian jurist, arrested for saying that the war was lost and that Hitler was the biggest liar of all time)

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Guernsey

Rev Clifford John Cohu (aged 59, husband of Harriet, arrested on March 12, 1943 for disseminating war news [‘anti-German propaganda’] including in his homilies; convicted on April 9, 1943, sentenced to 18 months’ imprisonment; **UPDATE: deported to France**)

http://www.theislandwiki.org/?title=Clifford_John_Cohu