

Today's Martyrs – October 1943

Saturday October 2, 1943



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Russia: Arkhangelsk oblast

Fr Ryszard Grabski OFM Cap (aged 33, captured by German border guards in [occupied Poland](#) while illegally crossing from Soviet held territory in 1940, handed over to Soviet border guards, sent to [Belostok Prison](#); sent to [Kotlas, Arkhangelsk oblast, Russia](#) in [May 1941](#); arrested on [August 23, 1942](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Vorkutlag, later transferred to Kamyshlag)

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

Tuesday October 5, 1943



Austria: Waidhofen an der Ybbs

Frantisek Vlk SJ (aged 21, Slovak national, seminarian, **died**)

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

Sunday October 10, 1943



Germany: Munster

Nearly 700 civilians and soldiers were killed in a bombing raid, including four priests and fifty nuns who were attending a conference

Mother Bona (**killed**)

Fr Brandkamp (gave last rites to Sr Coleta)

Bishop Clemens August Graf von Galen (aged 65, **UPDATE**: survived with minor injuries despite direct bomb hits on his residence)

Sr Coleta (pulled from the convent wreckage, **died of her injuries** the following day)

Sr Regina (pulled Sr Coleta from the wreckage)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26246325M/The_Lion_of_Munster

Tuesday October 12, 1943



Germany: Stadelheim prison, Munich

Willi Graf (aged 22, medical student, White Rose resistance leader, **UPDATE**: **guillotined**)

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

Friday October 15, 1943



Germany: Cologne

Fr Roger Derry (aged 42, French citizen, arrested in Paris on **October 9, 1941**; sentenced to death in **Dusseldorf** on **September 1, 1943**; **UPDATE**: **guillotined**)

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

Saturday October 16, 1943



Germany: Eberswalde

Irina Berkowitz (aged 6 months, orphan daughter of Liane Berkowitz, born in prison on April 12, 1942; **UPDATE**: died in hospital under unknown circumstances)

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

October 1943, date unknown

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Russia: Komi ASSR

Sr Raisa Krylevskaya OP (aged 47, arrested in Kostroma on October 9, 1933; another prisoner testified on November 16, 1933 "Raisa Ivanovna Krylevskaya was endlessly devoted to Mother Catherine Abrikosova and Bishop [Eugene] Neveu. In her words, she would follow them 'to the firing squad'"; under interrogation in Moscow on December 6, 1933 said "I have expressed counter-revolutionary views, directed against the policies of the Party and Soviet authority. I stand by my counter-revolutionary views even now. I have not changed them and do not choose to do so. I am a fundamental opponent of the policy being carried out by Soviet power both in the city and in the countryside"; sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on February 19, 1934; **UPDATE**: released from a labor camp, sent into internal exile in Kazakhstan)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0423>



Germany: Brandenburg an der Havel

Fr Alois Grimm SJ (aged 57, Austrian, arrested for religious instructions he had given to SS officers, both of whom testified against him)

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