

Today's Martyrs – February 1944

Wednesday February 2, 1944



China: Renhua, Shaoguan, Guangdong

Fr Janos Matkovics SDB (aged 36, Hungarian citizen, **killed** by villagers after buying a large order of provisions)

<http://www.bosconet.aust.com/Don%20Ian%20Matkovics.doc>

Thursday February 3, 1944



France: Ville-la-Grand

Fr Louis-Adrien Favre MSFS (aged 43, arrested by the Gestapo, had smuggled Jews and resistance fighters into Switzerland)

[http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?from=fr&to=en&a=http%3A%2F%2Ffr.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FLouis_Favre_\(pr%25C3%25AAtre\)](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?from=fr&to=en&a=http%3A%2F%2Ffr.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FLouis_Favre_(pr%25C3%25AAtre))

Friday February 4, 1944



Philippines: Manila

Fr Rufino Santos (aged 45, arrested by the Japanese for distributing food to the poor, admitted he allowed food to reach the guerillas, later tortured and sentenced to death, rescued by a combined American-Filipino military operation the night before he was to be executed)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rufino_Santos
<http://viewsfromthepampang.blogspot.com/2007/07/41-rufino-cardinal-j-santos-1st.html>

Monday February 7, 1944



Poland – now Ukraine: Kremenets, Ternopil

Br Jan Lason OCD (aged 64, Polish citizen, **killed**)

Fr Jozef Gleczman OCD (aged 34, Polish citizen, **killed**)

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

Wednesday February 9, 1944



Germany: Mittelbau-Dora Concentration Camp

Fr Dimitri Klepinin (aged 39, husband of Tamara Baimakova, father of Helen aged 4 and Paul aged 1, arrested by the Gestapo in [Paris, France](#) on [February 8, 1943](#) for aiding Jews, during interrogation was struck across the face and called a 'Jew lover', replied by holding up the crucifix around his neck and said "Do you know this Jew?"; **UPDATE: died of pneumonia**)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL7932547M/The_Righteous

<http://www.acrod.org/readingroom/saints/st-dimitri-klepinin>

Friday February 11, 1944



France: Douvaine

Fr Jean Joseph Rosay (aged 42, arrested for aiding Jews and shot-down Allied flight crews, implicated himself to save others)

https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean_Rosay - with translation

Thursday February 17, 1944



Austria: Linz

Fr Alois Poranzl (aged 51, arrested in [Arbing](#) in [August 1943](#) for anti-Nazi statements;

UPDATE: [died in prison from tuberculosis](#))

Germany: Sachsenhausen concentration camp

Franz Kaufmann (aged 58, jurist, arrested in [August 1943](#) for providing false documents to aid hiding Jews; **UPDATE:** [shot dead](#))

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.nachrichten.at%2foberoesterreich%2fmuehlviertel%2fArbing-Pfarre-und-Gemeinde-erinnern-an-NS-Maertyrer%3bart69%2c1294251

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

Wednesday February 23, 1944



Indonesia: Hollandia

Bishop Franziskus Wolf SVD (aged 68, German citizen, interned by the Japanese and forced onto the Yorishime Maru along with 46 other missionaries, wounded when the ship was bombed by the U.S. Army Air Force, [died of his wounds](#) in a Japanese internment camp)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fde.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fFranziskus_Wolf

Tuesday February 29, 1944



Netherlands: Haarlem

The ten Boom family is arrested by the Gestapo for harboring Jews, the Jews were not captured

Casper ten Boom (aged 84, father of Elisabeth "Betsie" ten Boom and Cornelia "Corrie" ten Boom)

Elisabeth "Betsie" ten Boom (aged 59)

Cornelia "Corrie" ten Boom (aged 52)

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

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

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

February 1944, date unknown



France: Hautecombe, Savoy

Cardinal August Hlond (aged 62, fled Poland on September 18, 1939 at the request of the government, reported to the Vatican on the extent of German atrocities; **UPDATE:** arrested by the Gestapo, taken to Paris and then Wiedenbrück in Germany, freed at the end of the war and returned to Poland)

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