

Today's Martyrs – June 1944

Sunday June 4, 1944

Allied liberation of Rome

Tuesday June 6, 1944

Allied invasion of France begun

Friday June 9, 1944



Croatia: Plesivica, Jastrebarsko

Fr Ivan Simrak (aged 32, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1944.htm>



France: Communay, Rhone

Fernand Belot (aged 26, husband of Raymonde Guyon-Belot, published Christian and anti-Nazi literature, with his wife organized a network to help Jews escape to Switzerland, arrested along with his wife, father, and in-laws on [March 27, 1944](#) in [Lyon](#), tortured; **UPDATE**: **shot dead** by the Germans along with 18 other prisoners at the edge of a highway)

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

Tuesday June 13, 1944



Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Br Josef Ausserlechner (aged 39, Austrian, **died**)

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

Tuesday June 20, 1944



France: L'Isle-Adam, Val-d'Oise

David Regnier (aged 17, **died**)

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

Monday June 26, 1944



Russia: Zerkaly, Shipunovsk region

Fr Johannes Lang (aged 62, deported from [Rostov-on-Don](#) on [September 18, 1941](#) along with a large number of Germans to [Shipunovo, Altay krai](#); sent to [Zerkaly, Shipunovsk region](#) in [February 1942](#), forced by poverty to perform solder repairs; **UPDATE: died, death believed to be from mishandling of soldering materials**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0433>



Germany: Brandenburg an der Havel

Fr August Worndl OCD (aged 50, Austrian, **died**)

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

Wednesday June 28, 1944



France: Paris

Fr Corentin Chika OFM (aged 50, **shot** by two French Gestapo agents in his rectory, **died** at a nearby clinic, forgave his killers and said "I offer my life for my brethren and the country")

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