

Today's Martyrs – August 1944

Tuesday August 1, 1944

Beginning of the Warsaw Uprising

Wednesday August 2, 1944



Poland: Warsaw

German Waffen-SS soldiers kill approximately 40 Poles in the cellar of a Jesuit monastery including refugees, 16 non-clergy employees, 8 priests and 8 brothers

Fr Bruno Pawelczyk SJ (survived the massacre because he was in another part of the city, later captured, forced into a burial unit that sealed the monastery cellar)

Fr Edward Kosibowicz SJ (Father Superior, taken to Mokotow Field for questioning, **shot dead**)

Fr Franciszek Szymaniak SJ (returned to the monastery after the massacre, **shot dead**)

Fr Wladyslaw Wiacek SJ (**killed**)

Zbyszek Mikolajczyk (aged 10, altar server, **killed**)

[http://www.wikiwand.com/en/Massacre_in_the_Jesuit_monastery_on_Rakowiecka_Street_in_Warsaw_\(1944\)](http://www.wikiwand.com/en/Massacre_in_the_Jesuit_monastery_on_Rakowiecka_Street_in_Warsaw_(1944))



Austria: Vienna

Jakob Kastelic (aged 47, attorney, husband, arrested on **July 23, 1940** for anti-Nazi activities; sentenced to death for treason on **March 1, 1944**; **UPDATE: hanged**)

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%2fJacob_Kastelic

Friday August 4, 1944



Poland: Warsaw

Fr Leo Adamski (aged 40, chaplain, shot during the Warsaw Uprising, **died** in a field hospital)

<http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr0008.htm>

Friday August 11, 1944



Netherlands: Vught concentration camp

Rev Johannes Antonius Lamb (**shot dead**)

Joop Westerweel (aged 45, husband of Wilhelmina, teacher, arrested on March 10, 1944 after helping Jewish children escape to Spain, tortured; **UPDATE: executed**)

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

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



France: Grenoble, Isere

Fr Yves Moreau de Montcheuil SJ (aged 44, published Christian and anti-Nazi literature, **shot dead**)

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

Saturday August 12, 1944



Germany: Berlin

Nikolaus Gross (trade unionist, arrested in connection with the assassination plot on Hitler)

Germany: Beuron

Eugen Bolz (aged 62, attorney, Interior Minister, spent several weeks in a concentration camp in 1933, released; **UPDATE:** arrested for having agreed to serve in a post-Nazi government)

Germany: Brandenburg an der Havel

Fr Alois Grimm SJ (aged 57, Austrian, arrested in [October 1943](#) for religious instructions he had given to SS officers, both of whom testified against him; **UPDATE:** sentenced to death, later wrote "The hour has come, I am going home into eternity. In a few hours, I will stand in front of my Judge, my Redeemer and my Father. It is God's will, to be done everywhere. Don't mourn over me, I am returning home, you have to wait. I give my life for the kingdom of God, which knows no end, for the Society of Jesus, for the youth and religion of our home land")

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

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

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

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1945.htm>

Tuesday August 15, 1944



Germany: Berlin

Hans-Bernd August Gustav von Haefen (aged 38, jurist, arrested on [July 23, 1944](#) for involvement in the July 20th plot to assassinate Hitler; **UPDATE:** convicted, sentenced to death despite having objected to the assassination of Hitler on religious grounds, called Hitler "A great perpetrator of evil", **hanged**)

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

Wednesday August 16, 1944



France: Domont, Val-d'Oise

Pierre Alviset (aged 20, **died**)

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

Tuesday August 22, 1944



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Russia: Vorkutlag labor camp

Fr Feliks Kasperowicz (aged 49, arrested in [Dzyarzhynsk, Belarus](#) on [January 28, 1934](#); sentenced on [February 26, 1934](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Karltag](#) in [Kazakhstan](#); transferred in [September 1936](#) to [Ukhtpechlag](#) in [Russia](#); transferred to [Vorkutlag](#) on [June 11, 1938](#); **UPDATE**: released, sent into internal exile to Arkhangelsk oblast)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1012>

Wednesday August 23, 1944



Germany: Berlin

Hans-Bernd August Gustav von Haefen (aged 38, jurist, arrested for involvement in the July 20th plot to assassinate Hitler)

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

Monday August 28, 1944



Italy: Santa Giulia, Dego, Savona

Teresa Bracco (aged 20, **killed** while resisting rape)

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

Tuesday August 29, 1944



Italy: Turin

Fr Giuseppe Girotti OP (arrested while assisting a Jew)

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

Wednesday August 30, 1944



France: Fort de Cote Lorette, Saint-Genis-Laval, Rhone

Daisy Georges-Martin (aged 53, **died**)

Fr Francois Boursier (aged 66, **died**)

Roger Radisson (aged 33, **died**)

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

Thursday August 31, 1944



Poland: Warsaw

Fr Wincenty Balul (aged 70, arrested by the Bolsheviks in 1919 in [Mogilev, Belarus](#), released;
UPDATE: questioned by the Gestapo in his apartment, ordered to leave the city, **died**
soon afterwards)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0062>

August 1944, date unknown



Austria: Hieflau

Fr Heinrich Dalla Rosa (aged 35, arrested on a charge of ‘undermining the military’ for his anti-Nazi statements)

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