

## Today's Martyrs – September 1944

**Saturday September 2, 1944**



**Italy: Nocchi, Camaiore, Lucca**

**German SS soldiers raid a Carthusian monastery holding over 100 Jews and other refugees, 12 monks arrested**

Br Antoine-Henri-Adrien Clerc O.Cart (aged 74, Swiss citizen, arrested)

Fr Antonio Alberto Luigi Costa O.Cart (aged 46, arrested, tortured)

Br Augustin Sztrilich O.Cart (Hungarian citizen, not arrested)

Br Bruno D'Amico O.Cart (aged 60, arrested)

Br Emil Rosbach O.Cart (aged 73, German citizen, arrested)

Fr Franz Johann Egger O.Cart (aged 39, Swiss citizen, arrested)

Br Giorgio Maritano O.Cart (aged 51, arrested)

Fr Henri-Joseph-Marie Compagnon O.Cart (aged 70, French citizen, arrested)

Fr Martin Binz O.Cart (aged 64, Prior, Swiss citizen, arrested)

Br Michele Maurizio Nota O.Cart (aged 56, arrested)

Fr Pedro Pablo Lapuente Salinas O.Cart (aged 69, Spanish citizen, arrested)

Br Rafael Cantero Gan O.Cart (aged 47, Spanish citizen, arrested)

Bishop Salvador Montes de Oca O.Cart (aged 48, Venezuelan citizen, arrested)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Italy.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Italy.htm)

[http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?from=it&to=en&a=http%3A%2F%2Fit.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FStrage\\_di\\_Farneta](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?from=it&to=en&a=http%3A%2F%2Fit.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FStrage_di_Farneta)

**Tuesday September 4, 1944**



**Netherlands: Vught concentration camp**

Fr Alfred Jozef Marie Verhaegen (aged 37, **shot dead**)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Netherlands.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Netherlands.htm)  
[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](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)

**Thursday September 7, 1944**



**Philippines: off Sindangan Point, Liloy, Zamboanga, Mindanao**

Fr Joseph Verbis LaFleur (aged 32, U.S. Army Air Force chaplain, POW, **killed** when the Japanese “hell ship” Shinyo Maru carrying over 750 POWs was torpedoed by the USS Paddle and sank while Japanese guards shot survivors)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sindangan,\\_Zamboanga\\_del\\_Norte#Shin.27y.C5.8D\\_Maru\\_incident](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sindangan,_Zamboanga_del_Norte#Shin.27y.C5.8D_Maru_incident)

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



**Italy: Bolzano**

Josef Mayr-Nusser (aged 34, husband of Hildegard, father of Alberto aged 2, Italian citizen, drafted into the German SS, sent to Prussia in Germany for training)

**Two of the monks who were arrested on September 2, 1944 for sheltering Jews and other refugees were executed by the German SS**

Fr Martin Binz O.Cart (aged 64, Prior, Swiss citizen, **shot dead**)

Bishop Salvador Montes de Oca O.Cart (aged 48, Venezuelan citizen, **shot dead**)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josef\\_Mayr-Nusser](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josef_Mayr-Nusser)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Italy.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Italy.htm)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/this-layman-who-refuted-nazism-was-declared-a-martyr-by-pope-francis-86987/>

[http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?from=it&to=en&a=http%3A%2F%2Fit.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FStrage\\_di\\_Farneta](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?from=it&to=en&a=http%3A%2F%2Fit.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FStrage_di_Farneta)

**Friday September 8, 1944**



**Germany: Berlin**

Elisabeth Adelheid Hildegard von Thadden (aged 54, school headmistress, convicted of treason on [July 1, 1944](#); **UPDATE:** [guillotined](#))

**Germany: Torgau**

Fr Carl Lampert (aged 50, arrested in [Innsbruck, Austria](#) on [August 25, 1940](#) and sent to [Dachau](#) for publishing an obituary on the death of Fr Otto Neuruer; sent to [Sachsenhausen](#) on [September 1, 1940](#); sent to [Dachau](#) on [December 15, 1940](#); freed on [August 1, 1941](#); arrested in [Stettin](#) on [February 4, 1943](#), tortured; sent to [Torgau](#) on [January 14, 1944](#); **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl\\_Lampert](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Lampert)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elisabeth\\_von\\_Thadden](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elisabeth_von_Thadden)

**Saturday September 9, 1944**

**Communist coup d'état in Bulgaria**



**France: Abri Sadi-Carnot, Brest, Finistere**

Jean Colle (aged 23, [killed](#))

Fr Robert Ricard SJ (aged 61, [killed](#))

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/France.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/France.htm)

**Sunday September 10, 1944**



**Italy: Nocchi, Camaiore, Lucca**

**The remaining 10 monks who were arrested on [September 2, 1944](#) for sheltering Jews and other refugees were executed by the German SS, a total of 159 prisoners were killed**



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; sentenced to death [on August 12, 1944](#), 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"; **UPDATE:** [hanged](#))

Fr Joseph Muller (aged 50, [guillotined](#), had been convicted of telling a joke: "A soldier on his deathbed asked to see the people for whom he was laying down his life. A portrait of Adolf Hitler was laid on his one side, a portrait of Hermann Goring on the other. He gasped 'Now I can die like Jesus Christ, between two criminals'", had refused to say who had told him the joke)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alois\\_Grimm](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alois_Grimm)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph\\_M%C3%BCller\\_\(priest\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_M%C3%BCller_(priest))

**Wednesday September 13, 1944**



**Italy: Fiume**

Giovanni Palatucci (aged 35, police official, arrested by the Germans for attempting to collaborate with the Allies, sent to [Dachau](#), had saved Jews)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giovanni\\_Palatucci](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giovanni_Palatucci)



**Germany: Straflager Zoschen detention facility, Freyburg**

Rev Clifford John Cohu (aged 60. husband of Harriet, British citizen, arrested in Guernsey 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; deported to France in [July 1943](#); transferred to Preungesheim in [March 1944](#), kept in solitary confinement without heat, starved, forced to work; **UPDATE:** arrived, beaten)

[http://www.theislandwiki.org/?title=Clifford\\_John\\_Cohu](http://www.theislandwiki.org/?title=Clifford_John_Cohu)

**Friday September 15, 1944**



## **Serbia**

### **Serbian bishops sent to Dachau concentration camp**

Patriarch Gavriilo V aka Gavriilo Dozic

Bishop Nikolaj Velimirovic

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch\\_Gavriilo\\_V\\_of\\_Serbia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarch_Gavriilo_V_of_Serbia)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nikolaj\\_Velimirovi%C4%87](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nikolaj_Velimirovi%C4%87)

**Sunday September 17, 1944**



## **Bulgaria: near Makresh village, Valcheshki Dol area**

Archmandrite Paladiy (**executed without trial** by Communists, had been tortured “with great cruelty”)

<http://prosopography1944->

[1989.bg/victims/index/page:257/sort:Victim.profession/direction:desc#/](http://prosopography1944-1989.bg/victims/index/page:257/sort:Victim.profession/direction:desc#/)



## **Germany: Schwichteler**

Fr Laurentius Siemer OP (aged 56, escaped arrest by the Gestapo for his involvement in plot to overthrow the Nazi regime, went into hiding, survived the war)

Fr Otmar Decker OP (assisted the escape of Fr Laurentius Siemer, detained by the Gestapo)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laurentius\\_Siemer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laurentius_Siemer)

[https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17318218W/Church\\_of\\_Spies](https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17318218W/Church_of_Spies)

**Monday September 18, 1944**



### **Palau: Babeldaob**

Fr Bernardo de la Espriella Mosquera SJ (aged 54, Colombian citizen, expelled from Yap in July 1944 by Japanese authorities; **UPDATE: shot dead** by Japanese soldiers)

Fr Elías Fernandez Gonzalez SJ (aged 63, Spanish citizen, **shot dead** by Japanese soldiers)

Br Emilio Del Villar Blazquez SJ (aged 51, Spanish citizen, **shot dead** by Japanese soldiers)

Br Francisco Hernandez Escudero SJ (aged 56, Spanish citizen, expelled from Yap in July 1944 by Japanese authorities; **UPDATE: shot dead** by Japanese soldiers)

Fr Luis Blanco Suarez SJ (aged 58, Spanish citizen, expelled from Yap in July 1944 by Japanese authorities; **UPDATE: shot dead** by Japanese soldiers)

Fr Marino de la Hoz del Canto SJ (aged 58, Spanish citizen, **shot dead** by Japanese soldiers)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Micronesia.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Micronesia.htm)

<http://micsem.org/pubs/articles/religion/frames/jesmartfr.htm>



### **Germany: Brandenburg an der Havel**

Fr Johann Steinmayr SJ (aged 53, Austrian, **died**)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Austria.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Austria.htm)

**Wednesday September 20, 1944**



### **Germany: Straflager Zoschen detention facility, Freyburg**

Rev Clifford John Cohu (aged 60, husband of Harriet, British citizen, arrested in Guernsey 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; deported to France in July 1943; transferred to Preungesheim in March 1944, kept in solitary confinement without heat, starved, forced to work; arrived at Straflager Zoschen on September 13, 1944, beaten; **UPDATE: died of dysentery**)

[http://www.theislandwiki.org/?title=Clifford\\_John\\_Cohu](http://www.theislandwiki.org/?title=Clifford_John_Cohu)

Friday September 22, 1944



**Bulgaria: Vacha River gorge, near Simeonoin**

Fr Stefan Popvasilev (aged 45, husband, father of three, beaten and tortured by Communists, **shot dead** with up to 60 others, body burned)

<http://prosopography1944-1989.bg/victims/index/page:257/sort:Victim.profession/direction:desc#/>

Saturday September 23, 1944



**Bulgaria: Sofia**

Archmandrite Doncho Popkonstantinov Popnikolov (**burned to death** by Communists near the ammunition dump)

<http://prosopography1944-1989.bg/victims/index/page:257/sort:Victim.profession/direction:desc#/>

Monday September 25, 1944



**Poland: Zakopane**

Helena Wanda Blazusiakowna (aged 18, wrote "Oh Mamma do not cry—Immaculate Queen of Heaven support me always" on the wall of her Gestapo cell, survived)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Symphony\\_No.\\_3\\_\(G%C3%B3recki\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Symphony_No._3_(G%C3%B3recki))





**Germany: Gronau, Borken**

Fr Regnerus Aloysius de Hosson (aged 32, Dutch citizen, **died**)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Netherlands.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Netherlands.htm)



**Netherlands: Groningen**

Fr Johannes Gijsbertus Bocker (aged 34, **died**)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Netherlands.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Netherlands.htm)

**Tuesday September 26, 1944**



**Germany: Berlin**

Josef Muller (aged 46, husband of Maria, father of Christa, attorney, arrested in **Munich** on **April 5, 1943** by the army for his involvement as a courier between the German ant-Nazi resistance and the Vatican; found innocent at trial in **Berlin** on **March 3, 1944**, rearrested by the army because the SS threatened to arrest him and the military did not want him in SS custody; **UPDATE**: transferred to SS custody)

[https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17318218W/Church\\_of\\_Spies](https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17318218W/Church_of_Spies)

**Friday September 29, 1944**



**Italy: Marzabotto, Monte Sole area**

Fr Ubaldo Marchiono (aged 26, **shot dead** by the German SS during Mass, fell onto the altar, parishioners in the church were then attacked with grenades, mother and sister also killed)

## Italy: San Giovanni di Sotto, Bologna

Sr Maria Norina Fiori OSF (aged 21, **killed** by the German SS along with members of her First Communion class)

[https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ubaldo\\_Marchioni](https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ubaldo_Marchioni) - with translation

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marzabotto\\_massacre](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marzabotto_massacre)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Italy.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Italy.htm)

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**Saturday September 30, 1944**



## Bulgaria: Kran

Fr Stefan Tenev Marinov (husband, **murdered** by Communists in front of his home)

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**September 1944, date unknown**



## Bulgaria: Panagyurishte

Fr Luka Yurukov (husband, summoned to the police department for a 'brief inquiry' in late September 1944, taken to Plovdiv and interrogated for a week)

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http://prosopography1944-](http://prosopography1944-1989.bg/victims/index/page:257/sort:Victim.profession/direction:desc#/)



## **Poland: Warsaw**

### **Possible summary executions during the Warsaw Uprising**

Sr Anna Apolonia Motz DC (aged 69, **died**)

Sr Aurelia Pomierny DC (aged 66, **died**)

Sr Helena Jezierska DC (aged 58, **died**)

Sr Jozefa Ogradowicz DC (aged 57, **died**)

Sr Maria Florentyna Wilman DC (aged 61, **died**)

Sr Maria Nadolska DC (aged 64, **died**)

Sr Zofia Dziewanowska DC (aged 65, **died**)

Sr Zofia Kowalczyk DC (aged 77, **died**)

[http://newsaints.faihwweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Poland1.htm](http://newsaints.faihwweb.com/new_martyrs/Poland1.htm)