

Today's Martyrs – October 1944

Monday October 1, 1944



Italy: Bologna

Fr Nicola Martino Capelli SCJ (aged 32, **shot dead** by the German SS during the Marzabotto massacre, was last seen giving absolution as he fell)

Fr Elia Comini SDB (aged 34, **shot dead** by the German SS during the Marzabotto massacre)

http://www.scj.org/scj_homp/we-scj/martyrs_m_capelli_03032001.html#e

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

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=IT_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.lezionidireligione.it%2fjoomla3%2findex.php%3foption%3dcom_content%26view%3darticle%26id%3d279%3a3-i-parroci-e-i-religiosi%26catid%3d79%26Itemid%3d207%26limitstart%3d6

Tuesday October 2, 1944



Bulgaria: Strelcha

Fr Luka Yurukov (husband, summoned to the [Panagyurishte](#) police department for a 'brief inquiry' in late [September 1944](#), taken to [Plovdiv](#) and interrogated for a week; **UPDATE: executed without trial** in a melon field)

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

Wednesday October 3, 1944



Bulgaria: Veliko Tarnovo region

Fr Todor Tumbev (husband, **executed without trial** by Communists)

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Thursday October 4, 1944



Germany: Prussia

Josef Mayr-Nusser (aged 34, husband of Hildegard, father of Alberto aged 2, Italian citizen, drafted into the German SS in or near **Bolzano, Italy**, sent to Prussia in Germany for training on **September 7, 1944**; **UPDATE**: refused to take the oath of allegiance to Adolph Hitler, said “I cannot take an oath to Hitler in the name of God. I cannot do it because my faith and conscience do not allow it”, arrested)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josef_Mayr-Nusser
<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/this-layman-who-refuted-nazism-was-declared-a-martyr-by-pope-francis-86987/>

Friday October 5, 1944



Bulgaria

Fr Stefan Krivoshiev (aged 52, husband, father of four, **executed without trial** by Communists)

Bulgaria: Byala Slatina

Fr Ivan Ninov Valkov (husband, arrested on **September 11, 1944**, tortured “in a very cruel manner”; **UPDATE**: **executed without trial**)

Bulgaria: Sevlievo

Fr Sabi Krivoshiev (husband, taken to the Militia Department for a ‘small inquiry’, **executed without trial** by Communists that night along with five others, all forced to dig their own graves)

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Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer (aged 38, fiancé of Maria von Wedemeyer; **UPDATE**: transferred to Gestapo prison)

<https://openlibrary.org/works/OL15361257W/Bonhoeffer>

Tuesday October 9, 1944



Italy: Monte Sole area

Fr Ferdinando Maria Casagrange (aged 29, brother of Julie Casagrande, **shot dead** by the German SS, had been hiding villagers in a cave to save them from the Marzabotto massacre, left the cave at night with his sister to find food, never returned, body later found)

Julie Casagrande (sister of Fr Ferdinando Maria Casagrange. kindergarten teacher, **shot dead** by the German SS, had been hiding villagers in a cave to save them from the Marzabotto massacre, left the cave at night with her brother to find food, never returned, body later found)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=IT_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.storiaememoriadibologna.it%2fcasagrande-ferdinando-maria-480915-persona
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marzabotto_massacre

Friday October 12, 1944



Germany: Berlin Police Hospital

Fr Otto Muller (aged 74, **died**, had been implicated in the plot to assassinate Hitler)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otto_M%C3%BCller_\(priest\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otto_M%C3%BCller_(priest))

Saturday October 13, 1944



Bulgaria: Boyana village, Sofia region

Fr Evstati Vitoshki (executed by Communists without trial)

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Saturday October 20, 1944



Bulgaria: Sekirivi area in Rakovski

Fr Flavian Mankin (arrested by Communists, disappeared, presumed dead)

Geno Josifov Borov (aged 40, husband, father of five, church sexton, arrested by Communists, disappeared, presumed dead)

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Germany: Flossenburg concentration camp

Marcel Callo (aged 22, printer, fiancé of Marguerite Derniaux, conscripted into forced labor in Rennes, France on March 19, 1943, told by Marguerite that he would die a martyr, replied "I could never deserve such an honor"; arrested by the Gestapo in Zella-Mehlis, Thuringia, Germany on April 19, 1944 for being "too much of a Catholic"; arrived at a concentration camp in Gotha, on October 7, 1944, later sent to Flossenburg; UPDATE: sent to Mauthausen in Austria, beaten and overworked)

<https://catholicsaintsguy.wordpress.com/tag/mauthausen/>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcel_Callo

Monday October 22, 1944



Indonesia: Muntok concentration camp

Fr Franciscus van Iersel SCJ (aged 46, Dutch citizen, **died**)

<https://oorlogsgravenstichting.nl/persoon/68423/franciscus-gerardus-maria-van-iersel> - with translation



Hungary: Kiskunmajsa, Bacs-Kiskun

Sr Simon Erzsebet (aged 46, **killed**)

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

Thursday October 25, 1944



Croatia: Daksa island

Fr Petar Perica SJ (aged 63, **killed** by Yugoslav Partisans)

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

Monday October 29, 1944



Hungary: Budapest

Fr Kallo Ferenc (aged 49, **killed after an unknown man** came to his residence, had been rescuing Jews)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Hungary1.htm

http://hu.wikipedia.org/wiki/K%C3%A1ll%C3%B3_Ferenc - with translation

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