

Today's Martyrs –1945 – month unknown



USSR

Fr Czeslaw Łapinski (aged 54, arrested, sent to a camp or into internal exile)

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Russia: Butyrka Prison, Moscow

Fr Walter Ciszek SJ (aged 41. U.S. citizen, arrested in [Chusovoy, Perm Krai](#) on [June 23, 1941](#), with two other Jesuits had taken advantage of the 1939 Soviet occupation of eastern Poland to volunteer as workers for transfer to Siberia for underground missionary work, charged with anti-Soviet activities and espionage, transferred to [Lubyanka Prison](#) in [Moscow](#), beaten and tortured, forced to sign confessions,; indicted on [August 26, 1942](#); sentenced on [September 23, 1942](#) to 15 years' imprisonment at hard labor, kept at [Butyrka Prison](#), 'broken', signed incriminating statements; **UPDATE**: exiled to the Urals, worked as a dump truck driver, engaged in underground missionary work)

Russia: Norillag labor camp, Dudinka, Taymyr Dolgano-Nenets Autonomous Okrug

Fr Jozef Janczurewicz (arrested in [Poland](#) in the [autumn of 1939](#) by the Soviets; **UPDATE**: known to have been in Norillag after 1945, fate unknown)

Fr Kasper Koniuszewski (arrested in [Poland](#) in the [1939-1941 timeframe](#) by the Soviets, sentenced to a labor camp; **UPDATE**: known to have been in Norillag, fate unknown)

Russia: Rostov-on-the-Don

Fr Jozef Kandefer OFM Cap (arrested in [Sendishove](#) in [1944](#), sentenced to possibly 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: transferred to a camp near Rostov)

Russia: Siberia

Fr Vladislav Akola-Kulak (aged 55, farmer in [Rechki, Vitebsk province, Belarus](#), arrested on [October 11, 1930](#) during the collectivization campaign; sentenced to five years' exile in Siberia on [January 26, 1931](#); **UPDATE**: arrested for illegally saying Mass, sentenced to ten years' imprisonment)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0008>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0985>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1102>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1515>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1706>

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



Ukraine

Fr Jan Cegielski (arrested and sent to a labor camp)

Ukraine: Lutsk

Fr Karol Galezowski (aged 66, secretly fled from [Belarus](#) to [Poland](#) in 1926 after threats from the GPU; **UPDATE**: arrested)

Ukraine: Lviv

Fr Jan Dlugosz SJ (aged 44, arrested on counter-revolutionary charges)

Janina Kajtanowicz (investigated, possibly convicted, fate unknown)

Fr Wiktor Kwapinski (aged 62, arrested early in 1941 in [Lviv](#), survived the mass shootings in [Kiev Prison](#) in [June 1941](#) following the German invasion, returned to [Lviv](#) and resumed his ministry; **UPDATE**: arrested)

Ukraine: Ternopil

Fr Adolf Iwancow (aged 35, arrested)

Fr Vasyl Velychkovsky (aged 42, arrested, sentenced to death, sentence commuted to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp)

Ukraine: Zhytomyr

Fr Roman Jankowski (aged 57, arrested in [Kotelnia](#) on counter-revolutionary charges [on August 27, 1935](#); sentenced on [August 14, 1936](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent into internal exile following his release; **UPDATE**: returned from internal exile and resumed his ministry, soon forced to live in Yablonna)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0286>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0369>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0924>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0972>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1071>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1504>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1714>

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



Belarus: Minsk

Fr Antoni Borysowicz (aged 52, arrested on [December 12, 1944](#); sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [December 24, 1944](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to a labor camp in Tyumen, Russia)

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Lithuania

Fr Kruvlialis (arrested possibly in 1945, sent to Intlag in Russia)

Lithuania: Kaunas

Fr Pranas Kuraitis (aged 58, arrested possibly in 1945, sent to Siblag in Russia)

Lithuania: Telshay

Bishop Vincentas Borisevicius (aged 58, arrested, tortured, released)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0147>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1124>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1141>



Albania

Fr Josif Mihali (aged 33, arrested, sentenced to 10 years' hard labor)

Fr Mikel Koliqi (arrested, would not be released from prison for 38 years)

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

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



Slovenia: Ljubljana

Fr Anton Strie (aged 30, jailed for 3 months)

https://sl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anton_Strle - with translation



Czechoslovakia

Bishop Michal Buzalka (aged 60, served 4 months' imprisonment for serving as Slovak military vicar during the war)

https://sk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michal_Buzalka - with translation



Germany: between Dachau concentration camp and Bad Tolz

Fr Hermann Scheipers (aged 31, arrested in Ochtrup in October 1940 for ministering to Polish slave laborers; sent to Dachau in March 1941; **UPDATE**: escaped from a death march)

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2016/06/16/last-priest-survivor-of-nazi-prison-camp-dies-aged-102/>