

Today's Martyrs – December 1948

Wednesday December 8, 1948



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Russia: Vorkutlag labor camp

Fr Jozef Gorodenski (aged 38, arrested on [August 20, 1948](#) in [Kobryn, Belarus](#); sentenced in [Brest Prison](#) on [September 13, 1948](#) to 25 years' imprisonment in a labor camp;

UPDATE: arrived)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0861>

Monday December 20, 1948



Indonesia: Kembaran, Muntilan, Magelang

Fr Richardus Kardis Sandjaja (aged 34, **killed**)

Br Hermanus Antonius Bouwens SJ (aged 28, Dutch national, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Indonesia2.htm



Poland: Niepokalanow monastery, Teresin

Three monks were arrested for distributing religious literature, beaten and tortured

Br Innocenty Wojcik OFM Conv

Br Symeon Blacha OFM Conv

Fr Zbyslaw Niebrzydowski OFM Conv

https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17705960W/Fatima_Mysteries - page 237

Wednesday December 22, 1948



China: Harbin

Archimandrite Andrzej Cikoto MIC (aged 57, Lithuanian national, arrested in [Minsk, Belarus](#), in 1920, soon released; **UPDATE**: arrested by Chinese authorities, handed over to the Soviet MGB, later sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment in a labor camp)

Fr Jozef Germanowicz MIC (aged 58, arrested with other priests by local communists, handed over to the Soviet MGB, later sent to Chita Prison in Zabaykalsky Krai in Russia, sentenced to possibly 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Tayshetlag)

Fr Paul Chaleil (aged 35, French national, arrested with other priests by local communists, handed over to the Soviet MGB, later sent to Chita Prison in Zabaykalsky Krai in Russia)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0830>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1401>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1807>

Thursday December 23, 1948



Serbia: Vrsac

Fr Karl von Neipperg OSB (aged 58, Swiss citizen, **tortured to death**)

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

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adalbert_von_Neipperg - with translation

Sunday December 23, 1948



Hungary: Esztergom

Cardinal Jozsef Mindszenty (aged 56, arrested in [Veszprem](#) on [November 27, 1944](#) for opposition to government seizure of church property to quarter troops; released from

house arrest in Sopron in April 1945; **UPDATE**: arrested on treason and conspiracy charges after he opposed state seizure of church schools and farmland)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J%C3%B3zsef_Mindszenty

December 1948, date unknown



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Russia: Rechlag labor camp, Vorkuta, Komi ASSR

Fr Pietro Leoni SJ (aged 39, Italian citizen, arrested on April 29, 1945 in Odessa, Ukraine; transferred to Lefortovo Prison in Moscow on July 13, 1945; indicted on anti-Soviet agitation charges on September 13, 1945; sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on November 12, 1945; transferred to Butyrka Prison on November 24, 1945; transferred to Temlag on December 12, 1945; arrested on June 15, 1947 on false charges of preparing an armed uprising in the camp; sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on August 29, 1947; transferred to Dubravlag on September 8, 1947; transferred to Rechlag on October 8, 1948; **UPDATE**: broke his collarbone, hospitalized, later put into solitary for 'open incitement of convicts against the Soviet regime')

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1837>