

## Today's Martyrs – August 1949

Wednesday August 10, 1949



### Albania

Sr Maria Tucci (aged 21, elementary school teacher, postulant, arrested, tortured, refused to answer questions, sexually assaulted, later hospitalized)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martyrs\\_of\\_Albania](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martyrs_of_Albania)  
<https://usfranciscans.org/tag/postulation/page/3/>

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### China: Chola, Sichuan province

Fr Maurice Tornay CRSA (aged 38, Swiss citizen, expelled from his parish in [Pame, Tibet](#) on [January 26, 1946](#) by the local llamas, left the country; **UPDATE:** [shot dead](#) while attempting to re-enter Tibet)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maurice\\_Tornay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maurice_Tornay)

Wednesday August 17, 1949



### Russia: Kaluga

Sr Raisa Krylevskaya OP (aged 53, arrested on espionage charges on [November 30, 1948](#); **UPDATE:** sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Vorkutlag)

Sr Sophia Eismont OP (aged 49, arrested on [November 30, 1948](#); **UPDATE:** sentenced to 10 year's imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Tayshetlag, later transferred to Angarlag)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0250>  
<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0423>



### **Belarus: Grodno**

Fr Boleslaw Krasodowski (aged 69, arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1117>

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### **Lithuania**

Fr Vatslav Bekish (aged 44, arrested in [Zhirmuny, Lida, Vilnius](#) on [May 12, 1949](#); **UPDATE:** sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Peschanlag)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0100>

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### **Romania**

Bishop Ioan Ploscaru (aged 37, arrested, would spend many years in prison, eventually released)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ioan\\_Ploscaru](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ioan_Ploscaru)