

Today's Martyrs – July 1950

Sunday July 2, 1950



South Korea: Seoul

A large number of Christians were arrested by North Korean forces, forced to march to Pyongyang, North Korea

Bishop Patrick James Byrne MM (aged 62, U.S. citizen, placed under house arrest in [Kyoto, Japan](#) on [December 8, 1941](#), not imprisoned thanks to his popularity; **UPDATE**: arrested)

Fr William Booth MM (aged 51, U.S. citizen, arrested)

Fr Thomas F Quinlan SSCME (Irish national, arrested)

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

<http://maryknollmissionarchives.org/?deceased-fathers-bro=father-william-r-booth-mm>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Korean-Church-to-examine-the-beatification-of-the-bishop-of-Pyongyang-and-companions,-martyred-by-Kim-Il-sung-35089.html>



Albania: Shkodra

Fr Peter Meshkalla SJ (aged 49, **died of a heart attack following torture**)

https://sq.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pjetër_Meshkalla - with translation

Tuesday July 4, 1950



Russia: Komi ASSR

Fr Jozef Gajliewicz (aged 57, arrested on nationalist activities charges in [Daugavpils, Latvia](#) on [September 10, 1949](#); sentenced on [April 8, 1950](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: arrived at Minlag labor camp)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0805>

Wednesday July 5, 1950



USSR

Fr Roch Kowalczyk (aged 37, arrested on [July 5, 1945](#) in [Vilnius, Lithuania](#); sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [August 2, 1946](#); **UPDATE**: released from camp, sent into internal exile to Kozhva Station, Komi ASSR, Russia, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1049>

Wednesday July 12, 1950



Czechoslovakia: Bratislava

Bishop Michal Buzalka (aged 64, served 4 months' imprisonment in [1945](#) for serving as Slovak military vicar during the war; **UPDATE**: arrested, tortured)

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

Sunday July 16, 1950



South Korea: Tunam

Fr Herman G Felhoelter OFM (aged 37, U.S. Army chaplain, **shot dead** by North Korean soldiers while he prayed over 30 severely wounded U.S. soldiers who were then also killed)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chaplain%E2%80%93Medic_massacre

Saturday July 22, 1950



Ukraine: Drohobych

Fr Stanislaw Dziadek (aged 61, arrested)

Ukraine: Drohobych oblast

Fr Zygmunt Dzieziak (aged 58, arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0945>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1828>

July 1950, date unknown