

Today's Martyrs – November 1950

Sunday November 12, 1950



Russia: Abez labor camp near Vorkuta

Bishop Hryhorij Lakota (aged 57, arrested by the NKVD on [June 9, 1946](#) in [Przemysl, Ukraine](#);
UPDATE: died)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hryhorij_Lakota

Thursday November 16, 1950



Czechoslovakia: Spisske Podhradie

Bishop John Vojtassak (aged 72, placed under house arrest on [June 3, 1950](#) after opposing the government takeover of religious schools; **UPDATE: transferred to Prague**)

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

Friday November 24, 1950



North Korea: near the Yalu River

Bishop Patrick James Byrne MM (aged 62, U.S. citizen, arrested by North Korean forces in [Seoul, South Korea](#) on [July 2, 1950](#), forced to march to Pyongyang, North Korea;
UPDATE: after a trial forced to march to the Yalu without food or shelter, said to his fellow prisoners "The greatest privilege of my life, after the gift of the priesthood, is to have suffered for Christ with all of you")

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

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

Saturday November 25, 1950



North Korea: near the Yalu River

Bishop Patrick James Byrne MM (aged 62, U.S. citizen, arrested by North Korean forces in [Seoul, South Korea](#) on [July 2, 1950](#), forced to march to Pyongyang, North Korea; after a trial forced to march to the Yalu without food or shelter, said to his fellow prisoners on [November 24, 1950](#) "The greatest privilege of my life, after the gift of the priesthood, is to have suffered for Christ with all of you"; **UPDATE: died of pneumonia**)

Fr William Booth MM (aged 51, U.S. citizen, arrested by North Korean forces in [Seoul, South Korea](#) on [July 2, 1950](#), forced to march to Pyongyang, North Korea; after a trial forced to march to the Yalu without food or shelter; **UPDATE: absolved Bishop Byrne before his death**)

Fr Thomas F Quinlan SSCME (Irish national, arrested by North Korean forces in [Seoul, South Korea](#) on [July 2, 1950](#), forced to march to Pyongyang, North Korea; after a trial forced to march to the Yalu without food or shelter; **UPDATE: buried Bishop Byrne**)

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-II-sung-35089.html>

Sunday November 26, 1950



Philippines: Labrador, Pangasinan

Fr Thomas Flynn SSC (aged 42, Irish citizen, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Philippines2.htm

Wednesday November 29, 1950



Lithuania: Vilnius

Fr Wladyslaw Kurp-Garbowski (aged 64, arrested on [June 11, 1950](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Temlag in Russia)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1142>

November 1950, date unknown



Czechoslovakia

Fr Vaclav Celestin Sulc OH (aged 59, arrested by the Gestapo on [May 14, 1941](#); transferred to Dachau concentration camp on [September 26, 1941](#); **UPDATE**: arrested by the StB secret police despite having advanced cancer)

<http://www.ustrcr.cz/cs/vaclav-celestin-sulc> - with translation