

## Today's Martyrs – May 1951

Tuesday May 1, 1951



### Japan: Nagasaki

Dr Paul Takashi Nagai (aged 43, convert, widower of Marina Nagai Midori, father of Makoto and Kayano, radiologist, diagnosed in [June 1945](#) with leukemia resulting from occupational radiation exposure, given three years to live; on [August 6, 1945](#) recalled his [December 8, 1941](#) presentment of the destruction of Nagasaki, sent his children to the country with his mother in law; survived the [August 9, 1945](#) nuclear attack with a serious head injury, began to die in [September](#); head injury miraculously cured on [October 5, 1945](#) through intercessory prayer; spoke to the people gathered for a [November 23, 1945](#) Mass in front of the ruins of Urakami Cathedral on the subject of Christian sacrifice; bedridden from illness, moved in [1947](#) into a hermitage built at Ground Zero called Nyokodo [As Yourself Hall, from “Love your neighbor as yourself”], continued his life of prayer, writing, and contemplation; **UPDATE: died**, last words were shouted “Please pray!”)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Takashi\\_Nagai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Takashi_Nagai)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL25893117M/A\\_Song\\_for\\_Nagasaki](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL25893117M/A_Song_for_Nagasaki)



### Russia: Vladimir

Archimandrite Klymentiy Sheptytsky MSU (aged 81, brother of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, arrested by the NKVD on [June 5, 1947](#) in [Lviv, Ukraine](#); **UPDATE: died in prison**)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Klymentiy\\_Sheptytsky](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Klymentiy_Sheptytsky)

Wednesday May 2, 1951



### Czechoslovakia: Brno

Fr Vaclav Celestin Sulc OH (aged 59, arrested by the Gestapo on [May 14, 1941](#); transferred to Dachau concentration camp on [September 26, 1941](#); arrested by the StB in [November 1950](#) despite having advanced cancer; **UPDATE: died**)

<http://www.ustrer.cz/cs/vaclav-celestin-sulc> - with translation  
[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Czech2.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech2.htm)

**Wednesday May 23, 1951**



**North Korea: Pyoktong**

Fr Emil Joseph Kapaun (aged 35, U.S. Army chaplain, POW, **died of malnutrition and pneumonia**, last words as he was taken away were "If I don't come back, tell my Bishop that I died a happy death")

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emil\\_Kapaun](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emil_Kapaun)  
<http://www.kapaun.org/about-us/father-kapaun>

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