

## Today's Martyrs – March 1955

Thursday March 17, 1955



### Czechoslovakia: Jicin

Fr Vojtech Basovnik SDB (aged 42, placed under house arrest in [April 1950](#); sentenced on [September 24, 1953](#) to four years' imprisonment; sent to the Rtyne v Podkrkonosí, Tmavak prison camp in [May 1954](#), worked in coal and uranium mines; hospitalized with a large abscess; **UPDATE: died of septicemia**)

[https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vojt%C4%9Bch\\_Basovn%C3%ADk](https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vojt%C4%9Bch_Basovn%C3%ADk) - with translation

<http://www.ustrcr.cz/cs/basovnik-vojtech> - with translation

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Czech2.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech2.htm)

Saturday March 19, 1955



### Russia: Kargopolag labor camp

Fr Kazimierz Baniewicz (aged 50, arrested in [Lida, Belarus](#) on [June 10, 1951](#); sentenced on [October 18, 1951](#) to 25 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE: transferred to Usollag labor camp, Solikamsk, Perm region**)

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Tuesday March 22, 1955



### Kazakhstan: Steplag labor camp

Fr Ryszard Grabski OFM Cap (aged 45, captured by German border guards in [occupied Poland](#) while illegally crossing from Soviet held territory in [1940](#), handed over to Soviet border

guards, sent to [Belostok Prison](#); sent to Kotlas, Arkhangelsk oblast, Russia in [May 1941](#); arrested on [August 23, 1942](#); sentenced on [October 2, 1943](#) to 15 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Vorkutlag, later transferred to [Kamyshlag](#); transferred on March 20, 1954 to [Steplag](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to Kraslag)

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**March 1955, date unknown**



**Russia: Vorkuta**

Fr Wendelin Jaworka SJ (aged 73, Slovak national, arrested in [Chernivtsi, Ukraine](#) on [June 12, 1945](#) on espionage charges, resisted interrogations; sentenced on [November 12, 1945](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Temlag](#); transferred to [Minlag](#) in 1954; granted an early release on [January 9, 1955](#) due to illness, sent to Vorkuta; **UPDATE**: transferred to Potma, Mordovian ASSR, and then later to Abez)

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