

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – April 1919

**Wednesday April 9, 1919**



**Hungary: Sopron, Gyer-Moson-Sopron**

Fr Anton Szemelliker (aged 36, Austrian national, **killed**)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Austria1.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Austria1.htm)

**Sunday April 13, 1919**



**United States - Kansas: Fort Leavenworth**

Jacob Wipf (brother in law of Joseph, Michael and David Hofer, conscientious objector, arrested in [Camp Lewis, Washington](#) on [May 28, 1918](#) for refusing to cooperate with his military induction, was later beaten; court-martialed on [June 10, 1918](#), convicted, and sentenced to 37 years' imprisonment; transferred to [Alcatraz Federal Prison in California](#) on [June 27, 1918](#), upon arrival was beaten, starved, subjected to cold and damp, and denied clothing other than military uniforms which he refused, developed eczema and scurvy; transferred to the Army prison at [Fort Leavenworth in Kansas](#) on [November 14, 1918](#); arrived at [Fort Leavenworth](#) on [November 18, 1918](#), forced to run uphill at bayonet point and then to stand naked outdoors in the cold air for 2 hours, subjected to a bread and water diet; questioned at a [January 5, 1919](#) Board of Inquiry, which determined that he had been convicted due to his sincerely held religious beliefs; **UPDATE**: released from captivity, later emigrated to Canada)

<https://martyrstories.org/jacob-wipf/>

<https://theviewfromthisseat.blogspot.com/2014/11/in-memory-of-hutterite-martyrs-of-1918.html>

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26500126M/Pacifists\\_in\\_Chains](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26500126M/Pacifists_in_Chains)

**Tuesday April 15, 1919**



**Korea – Japanese Empire: Jeam-Ri, Hwaseong, Gyeonggi province**

Dr Francis William “Frank” Schofield (aged 30, Canadian citizen, missionary, veterinarian, later documented a Japanese Army atrocity in which up to 23 pro-independence Koreans were herded into a church which was then set afire, those who attempted escape were shot)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank\\_Schofield](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_Schofield)

<http://populargusts.blogspot.com/2007/03/korean-towns-burned-by-japanese.html>

<https://artsandculture.google.com/asset/jeam-ri-massacre/agEYL23PS76dlQ>

**April 1919, date unknown**



**Germany: Munich**

Bishop Eugenio Maria Giuseppe Giovanni Pacelli (aged 43, papal nuncio [ambassador], future Pope Pius XII, held at gunpoint by Red Guards after they occupied the nunciature [embassy], automobile seized)

[https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17318218W/Church\\_of\\_Spies](https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17318218W/Church_of_Spies)