

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – August 1920

Wednesday August 6, 1920



Poland: Krzemienica, Lancut county

Fr Wladyslaw Klamm (aged 46, **murdered** by Bolsheviks during the Polish-Soviet War)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1026>

Thursday August 14, 1920



Poland: Ossow

Fr Ignacy Jan Skorupka (aged 27, military chaplain, **shot dead** during the Battle of Warsaw during the Polish-Soviet War [accounts differ as to details, one claimed he was killed while administering the sacraments to the dying, another claimed he was leading soldiers with an upheld crucifix], the Red Army was defeated and forced to begin the retreat to Russia)

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

Wednesday August 20, 1920



Ukraine: border with Romania

Fr Jakob Dukert (aged 27, **killed** while helping his parishioners escape a crossfire between Red and White factions in the Russian Civil War, one account stated he was executed by the Bolsheviks for refusing to stop the administration of Last Rites to the dying)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0243>

Friday August 22, 1920



Poland

Fr Marcellus Grzegorzcyk (aged 32, **shot dead** by the Bolsheviks during the Polish-Soviet War, location unknown)

Poland: outside Białystok

Fr Richard Knobelsdorf (aged 54, **buried alive** by the Bolsheviks during the Polish-Soviet War without trial or interrogation, had been arrested in the spring and taken to Białystok Prison while dragged by a cart)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0879>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1032>

Friday August 29, 1920



Brazil: Palmeiras, Mato Grosso

Fr Josef Thannhuber SDB (aged 39, German citizen, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Brazil2.htm

August 1920, date unknown



Poland - now Belarus: Grodno Prison

Fr Napoleon Dyakowski (aged 46, **shot dead** by the Bolsheviks 'while attempting to escape'
during the Polish-Soviet War)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0942>