Today's Martyrs – 1921 – unknown month



Russia

Fr Johannes Fix (aged 57, apparently went into hiding after an uprising of German colonists, fate unknown)

Fr Peter Dukert (arrested after an uprising of German colonists along with 270 others, sentenced to death, shot dead)

Fr Witold Iwicki (aged 36, arrested in Petrograd on September 20, 1920 on counterrevolutionary and espionage charges; sentenced on October 14, 1920 to confinement in a prison camp until the end of the Civil War; **UPDATE**: released due to illness, sent to Poland in a prisoner exchange)

Russia: Herzog

Fr Gottlieb Beratz (aged 50, arrested with 270 others, sentenced to death for participating in an uprising, appealed, death sentence overturned but the local officials ignored the appeal and shot him anyway)

Russia: Marienberg

Fr Jakob Kaiser (aged 28, murdered by the Bolsheviks)

Russia: Mariental

Fr Nikolaus Kraft (arrested along with 269 other Volga Germans after the crushing of the Mariental uprising, all later shot dead)

Russia: Novo-Peskovsky camp

Fr Jan Francuk (aged 29, arrested in Vitebsk, Belarus on June 27, 1920 on charges that he had told people to not turn in spies; sentenced on November 25, 1920 to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released after a Red Cross petition, emigrated to Poland)

Russia: Semenovka, outside Kamyshin

Fr Joseph Baumtrog (aged 49, arrested with 270 others, charged with espionage for the Whites, sentenced to death, shot dead)

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Ukraine: Kiev

Fr Jozef Bieniecki (aged 51, arrested, released)

Ukraine: Oratov

Fr Kalikst Butyniec (aged 32, arrested, killed in Kiev Prison under unexplained circumstances, exact date unknown)

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