

Today's Martyrs – April 1933

Friday April 7, 1933



Russia: Ustukhta sub-camp, Ukhtpechlag labor camp, Chibiu, Komi ASSR

Fr Kazimierz Krzywicki (aged 48, arrested in 1929 in Kopijowka, Ukraine on anti-Soviet agitation charges, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, sent to Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp; transferred to Ukhtpechlag labor camp in March 1931, wrote a letter to the Red Cross stating he was seriously ill and thought he would not survive a planned 400 mile march to the Ustukhta sub-camp; UPDATE: died)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1067>

Wednesday April 12, 1933



Austria: Beuron

Archabbot Raphael Walzer (passed on a letter from Edith Stein to the pope in which she wrote "Is not the campaign of destruction being conducted against Jewish blood a profanation of the most holy humanity of our savior?", later accused of currency law violations, fled to Switzerland)

https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17318218W/Church_of_Spies

Tuesday April 18, 1933



Ukraine: Szarawka, outside Vinnytsia

Fr Franciszek Kotak (aged 58, suffered from epilepsy, arrested, later banished for three years to Golovan outside Odessa)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1045>

Saturday April 29, 1933



Russia: Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp

Fr Paul Asheberg (aged 38; sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [January 24, 1929](#); transferred to [Anzer Island](#) in [1930](#); arrested on [July 5, 1932](#) on espionage and anti-Soviet activities charges for having written a letter in 1922 to Rome describing famine conditions, 10 years were added to his prison term; **UPDATE:** **died from typhus** in the prison infirmary)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0036>

April 1933, date unknown



Ukraine: Kiev

Zygmunt Lepesowecki (aged 55, office worker, arrested in [Kiev, Ukraine](#) on [February 16, 1929](#), and sent into 3 years' internal exile to Siberia; arrested in [Mariinsk, Russia](#) in [May 1929](#); transferred to [Kiev](#) on [March 1, 1930](#), sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, returned to [Kiev](#) upon release; **UPDATE:** arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1146>



Germany

Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer (aged 27, **UPDATE:** in his essay *The Church and the Jewish Question* implicitly called for the church to resist Nazism, said the church must not only "bandage the victims under the wheel, but jam the spoke in the wheel itself")

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dietrich_Bonhoeffer



Netherlands: Antwerp

Theodor Hespers (aged 29, fled Germany to publish anti-Nazi Christian literature in the Netherlands, later became a Dutch citizen)

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

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fde.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fTheodor_Hespers