

# Today's Martyrs

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## Events – April 1941

**Tuesday April 1, 1941**



**Ethiopia: Nekemte, Misraq Welega**

Fr Quinto Gardetto IMC (aged 30, Italian citizen, **killed**)

Sr Eliodora Zottig IMC (Italian citizen, **killed**)

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

**Wednesday April 2, 1941**



**Poland**

Fr Jozef Cebula OMI (aged 39, arrested by the Germans)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J%C3%B3zef\\_Cebula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J%C3%B3zef_Cebula)

**Friday April 4, 1941**



**Poland: Warsaw**

Fr Jan Eugeniusz Wilkowska OFM Conv (aged 26, arrested on [February 17, 1941](#) in [Niepokalanow monastery, Teresin](#) by the Gestapo; **UPDATE:** transferred from Piwiak Prison to Auschwitz Concentration Camp)

Fr Ludwik Bartosik OFM Conv (aged 31, arrested by the Germans on [September 19, 1939](#);  
rearrested on [February 17, 1941](#) in [Niepokalanow monastery, Teresin](#) by the Gestapo;  
**UPDATE:** transferred from Piwiak Prison to Auschwitz Concentration Camp)

<http://missionimmaculata.com/index.php/mi-saints/blessed-martyrs-of-niepokalanow>

**Sunday April 6, 1941**

**Invasion of Yugoslavia by Germany**

**Tuesday April 8, 1941**



**Serbia: Pasuljanske Livade, Cuprija, Pomoravlje**

Fr Maks Rupar VC (aged 32, **killed** by Chetniks)

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

[https://sl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maks\\_Rupar](https://sl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maks_Rupar) - with translation

**Monday April 21, 1941**



**Austria: Glokelburg**

Fr Engelmar Unzeitig CMM (aged 30, arrested by the Gestapo for homilies that supported Jews  
and encouraged parishioners to resist Nazi propaganda)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Engelmar\\_Unzeitig](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Engelmar_Unzeitig)

**Wednesday April 23, 1941**



**China: Shandong province**

Fr Joseph Bayerle SVD (aged 42, missionary, **killed** by partisans as a suspected spy)

<https://bitterwinter.org/missionary-and-martyr-father-friedrich-huttermann/>

**Saturday April 26, 1941**



**Ethiopia: Soqota, Wag Hemra**

Fr Alfredo De Lai MCCI (aged 27, Italian citizen, **killed**)

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

**Wednesday April 30, 1941**



**Ukraine: Zhytomyr**

Eleonora Jedrzejewska (arrested on [July 10, 1940](#), had hidden Fr Pawel Welik in her home from [February through July 1940](#); sentenced to 5 years' internal exile on [October 26, 1940](#);  
**UPDATE:** sent to the Karaganda region in Kazakhstan, fate unknown)

Sofia Bratkowska ACJ (arrested [July 10, 1940](#), had hidden Fr Pawel Welik in her home from [February through July 1940](#); sentenced to 5 years' internal exile on [October 26, 1940](#);  
**UPDATE:** sent to the Karaganda region in Kazakhstan, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0164>

**April 1941, date unknown**