

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – September 1941

Monday September 1, 1941



Ethiopia: Yubdo, Mirab Welega

Fr Giovanni Prato IMC (Italian citizen, **killed**)

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



Russia: Leningrad

Fr Pawel Chomicz (aged 47, arrested in [Leningrad](#) on [December 3, 1926](#), charged with counter-revolutionary activities; released from camp on [November 10, 1936](#), sent into internal exile to [Kostroma](#); returned to [Leningrad](#) in [August 1939](#) and lived underground, performed a large number of pastoral duties; arrested on [July 15, 1941](#), charged with operating an underground church and slander of the Soviet state; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1821>

Tuesday September 2, 1941



Russia: Unzhlag labor camp, Komi ASSR

Fr Franciszek Janocha OFM (aged 29, arrested in [Lviv](#) by the Soviets in [July 1940](#), sentenced to death, commuted to imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: amnestied as a Polish citizen)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1715>

Saturday September 6, 1941



Poland: Ruda Slaska

Fr Jan Franciszek Macha (aged 27, interrogated by the Gestapo on [June 1, 1940](#), released;
UPDATE: arrested for illegal charity work that benefited Germans and Poles, sent to prison in Myslowice, tortured, wrote a prayer in which he asked God that he may stand by the gates of heaven along with his persecutor)

<https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2021/11/20/hes-either-a-saint-or-an-idiot-the-remarkable-witness-of-fr-jan-franciszek-macha/>

<http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMS/POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr1630.htm>

Monday September 8, 1941

Siege of Leningrad begun

Wednesday September 10, 1941



Uzbekistan: Samarkand

Fr Robert Glassner (aged 56, arrested in [Dehler, Saratov province, Russia](#) on [February 2, 1930](#) on counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced on [June 6, 1931](#) in [Yaroslavl Prison](#) to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; released from [Karlaga](#) in [1934](#), sent into internal exile; arrested on [July 5, 1941](#) on anti-Soviet agitation charges; sentenced to death on [August 8, 1941](#); **UPDATE:** [shot dead](#))

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0841>



Russia: Leningrad

Fr Pawel Chomicz (aged 47, arrested on [July 15, 1941](#), charged with operating an underground church and slander of the Soviet state; sentenced to death on [September 1, 1941](#);

UPDATE: [shot dead](#))

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1821>

Thursday September 11, 1941



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Russia: Vorkutlag labor camp

Fr Antoni Guzik SDB (aged 49, arrested in [Lviv, Poland](#) on [April 24, 1940](#) for 'anti-Soviet agitation'; sentenced on [May 7, 1941](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp;

UPDATE: amnestied as a Polish citizen, became a chaplain in the Polish Armed Forces of the East, later left the USSR when he came under British command)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0891>

Friday September 12, 1941



Germany: Dachau Concentration Camp

Fr Korbinian Aigner (aged 56, arrested in [Hohenbercha](#) on [November 22, 1939](#) for a homily on "Thou shalt not kill" in which he said the recent failed assassination of Hitler might have saved a million people, sent to [Freising prison](#); sentenced on [May 7, 1940](#) to seven months' imprisonment; sent to [Dachau](#) on [June 23, 1941](#); **UPDATE:** transferred to [Sachsenhausen](#))

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korbinian_Aigner - with translation

Thursday September 18, 1941



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Russia: Rostov-on-Don

Fr Johannes Lang (aged 59, deported along with a large number of Germans to Shipunovo, Altay krai)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0433>

Friday September 19, 1941



Spain: Madrid

Vicente Garcia Manzano (aged 45, married, **killed**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/MSPC64.htm>

Saturday September 20, 1941



Germany: Koblenz

Fr Joseph Kentenich SAC (aged 55, founder of the Schoenstatt Movement, arrested by the Gestapo for his anti-Nazi views, told his interrogators "My mission is to reveal the inner emptiness of National Socialism, and by there to defeat it")

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

Sunday September 21, 1941



Germany: Buchenwald concentration camp

Fr Joseph Benedict Stoffels SCJ (aged 46, Luxembourgian citizen, arrested by the Gestapo in [Paris, France](#) on [March 7, 1941](#) for aiding refugees, sent to Buchenwald; **UPDATE:** transferred to Dachau concentration camp)

Fr Nicholas Anthony Wampach SCJ (aged 31, Luxembourgian citizen, arrested by the Gestapo in [Paris, France](#) on [March 7, 1941](#) for aiding refugees, sent to Buchenwald; **UPDATE:** transferred to Dachau concentration camp)

http://www.scj.org/scj_homp/we-scj/martyers_wampach_stoffel_20012001.html#e

Thursday September 25, 1941



Russia: Temlag labor camp, Yavas, Zubovo-Polyansk raion, Mordovian ASSR

Sofia Krasovskaya (aged 49, secondary school teacher, arrested in [Kiev, Ukraine](#) on [March 23, 1939](#) for 'assisting a fugitive priest [Fr Andronik Rudenko] and anti-Soviet agitation'; sentenced to 2 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [September 25, 1939](#); **UPDATE:** released, returned to Bila Tserkva, Ukraine, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0419>

Friday September 26, 1941



Czech Republic: Theresienstadt concentration camp

Fr Vaclav Celestin Sulc OH (aged 50, arrested by the Gestapo on [May 14, 1941](#); **UPDATE:** transferred to Dachau concentration camp)

<http://www.ustrcr.cz/cs/vaclav-celestin-sulc> - with translation

Tuesday September 30, 1941



Germany: Gelsenkirchen

Fr Heinrich Konig (aged 42, arrested)

Germany: Koblenz

Fr Joseph Kentenich (arrested by the Gestapo)

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heinrich_K%C3%B6nig_\(Priester\)](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heinrich_K%C3%B6nig_(Priester)) - with translation

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

September 1941, date unknown



Poland: Posen concentration camp

Fr Steven Abt (aged 43, arrested [August 1941](#); **UPDATE**: released)

<http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr0003.htm>