

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – 1942 – unknown month



New Guinea: Kandrian, Gloucester Island

Fr John Barge (British citizen, **killed** by the Japanese)

New Guinea: Kumbun, New Britain Island

Fr Bernard Moore (Australian citizen, **killed** by the Japanese)

http://web.archive.org/web/20070219072000/http://www.abmission.org/special/martyrs/PNG_martyrs.html



USSR

Fr Adam Brendanovich (captured as a POW by the Soviets in [Poland](#) on or after [September 17, 1939](#); **UPDATE**: not amnestied for the Polish Armed Forces in the East, fate unknown)

Fr Aleksander Holowacz (aged 31, Polish citizen, arrested in [Vilnius, Lithuania](#) in [1940](#), sent to a camp; **UPDATE**: amnestied, joined the Polish Armed Forces of the East as a chaplain, left the USSR via Iran when transferred from Soviet to British command)

Fr Czeslaw Kulikowski (aged 35, arrested in [Lithuania](#) in [1940](#), sent to the [Kozelsk POW camp](#); **UPDATE**: amnestied as a Polish citizen, joined the Polish Armed Forces of the East, later left the USSR via Iran)

Fr Jan Jadrzewski (aged 39, arrested in [Rubryn, Poland](#) in [September 1939](#) by the Soviets, sent to a camp; **UPDATE**: amnestied as a Polish citizen, joined the Polish Armed Forces of the East as a chaplain, left the USSR via Iran when transferred from Soviet to British command)

Br Jozef Gruza OFM (aged 20, arrested in [Lviv](#) in the [spring of 1941](#) by the Soviets, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: amnestied as a Polish citizen, joined the Polish Armed Forces of the East, completed sapper training, exited the USSR via Iran when transferred from Soviet to British command)

Fr Henryk Dorebowicz (aged 39, arrested by the Soviet Army in [Poland](#) in [September 1939](#), transported to a POW camp; **UPDATE**: amnestied, joined the Polish Armed Forces of the East as a chaplain)

Fr Nikodim Kozlowski (aged 44, arrested by the Soviets in [Zabrze, Poland](#) in [1940](#), sent to a prison camp; **UPDATE**: amnestied as a Polish citizen but stayed at the camp, fate unknown)

Fr Wladyslaw Czyzewski (aged 31, arrested in [Khiniche, Volodymyr, Ukraine](#) on [March 18, 1941](#), sent to [Lviv Prison](#), sentenced to death, commuted to 25 years' imprisonment in a camp; **UPDATE**: amnestied, returned to his parish)

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<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0877>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0895>

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Russia: Moscow

Fr Kazimierz Kucharski SJ (aged 47, arrested in [Vilnius](#) on [May 25, 1941](#), transferred to [Butyrka Prison in Moscow](#); **UPDATE**: amnestied as a Polish citizen, released, joined the Polish Armed Forces of the East as a chaplain, left the USSR via Iran when transferred from Soviet to British command)

Russia: Oneglag labor camp, Arkhangelsk oblast

Fr Stepan Gonczarek (aged 48, arrested by the Soviets in [Nadvirna, Poland \[now Ukraine\]](#) on [November 4, 1939](#); sentenced on [July 27, 1940](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Soroklag](#), later transferred to [Oneglag](#); **UPDATE**: released in an amnesty, became a chaplain in the Polish Armed Forces of the East, left the USSR via Iran during the Forces transfer to British command)

Russia: Sevrallag labor camp, Sverdlovsk oblast

Fr Waclaw Kolodejczyk SJ (aged 33, arrested in [Kolomyia, Poland \[now Ukraine\]](#) by the retreating Soviet army on [June 29, 1941](#); **UPDATE**: amnestied as a Polish citizen, joined the Polish Armed Forces of the East as a chaplain, later left the USSR via Iran during the Forces transfer to British command)

Russia: Sibltag labor camp

Fr Zygmunt Jagielnicki OFM (aged 31, arrested in [Lviv](#) in [1939](#); amnestied as a Polish citizen, joined the Polish Armed Forces of the East as a chaplain, left the USSR via Iran when transferred from Soviet to British command)

Russia: Tayushetlag labor camp, outside Irkutsk [unconfirmed]

Fr Jan Cheniewski SJ (aged 69, arrested by the Soviets in the [autumn of 1939](#); **UPDATE**: [died after a long decline](#))

Russia: Unzhlag labor camp, Komi ASSR

Jozef Janus SJ (aged 29, seminarian, arrested by the Soviets in [Ternopil, Poland \[now Ukraine\]](#) on [June 30, 1940](#); sentenced in [Belarus](#) on [August 26, 1940](#) to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: amnestied as a Polish citizen and joined the Polish Armed Forces of the East, later left the USSR via Iran when transferred to British command)

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Uzbekistan: Tashkent

Fr Teodor Chucal (aged 47, U.S. citizen, arrested by the Soviets in [1939](#) along with the relatives he was visiting in [Poland](#), sentenced to a prison camp; **UPDATE**: amnestied, joined the Polish Armed Forces of the East as a chaplain, fate unknown)

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Kazakhstan: Akmola labor camp

Akilina Stepanova Dubovskaya (**shot dead**)

Alexandra Mikhailova Smolyakova (**shot dead**)

Anna Antonova Vodolanova (**shot dead**)

Domna Efimovna Vasilkova (**shot dead**)

Irina Lavrentievna Gumenyuk (**shot dead**)

Ksenia Mikhailovna Radun (**shot dead**)

Martha Ivanovna Dudarenko (**shot dead**)

Natalia Fedorovna Kopitina (**shot dead**)

Natalia Semenovna Karikh (**shot dead**)

Tatiana Ignatievna Kushnir (**shot dead**)

Kazakhstan: Karlag labor camp

Fr Tadeusz Fedorowicz (aged 35, volunteered in [April 1940](#) to join a group of Poles who were being deported from [Lviv](#) for work in Siberia, identified as a priest and arrested;
UPDATE: amnestied, joined the Polish Armed Forces in the East as a chaplain)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0259>
<http://orthochristian.com/115410.html>



Ukraine: Kharkiv

Br Boleslaw Jakimowicz MIC (aged 30, seminarian, arrested by the Soviets in [Druya, Poland \[now Belarus\]](#) on [June 15, 1941](#), sent to [Starobelsk POW camp](#), later transferred to [Kharkiv Prison](#); **UPDATE:** amnestied as a Polish citizen, joined the Polish Armed Forces of the East as a chaplain, ordained on July 19, 1942, left the USSR via Iran when transferred from Soviet to British command)

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Belarus: Minsk

Fr Jan Goj (aged 45, arrested in [Rohatyn, Poland \[now Ukraine\]](#) on [October 22, 1939](#) by the Soviets for a sermon, spent three years in prisons in [Slonim, Baranovichy and Minsk](#);
UPDATE: sent to a camp)

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Poland - now Lithuania: Vilnius

Fr Karol Kozera OCD (aged 26, arrested by the Gestapo, sent to a concentration camp, later freed by Soviet soldiers)

Poland - now Ukraine: Dormantsy, near Lutsk

Fr Alois Kashuba OFM Cap (aged 32, arrested by the Gestapo, released)

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Germany: Berlin

Helmut James Graf von Moltke (aged 34, husband of Freya von Moltke, international jurist, wrote in [October 1941](#) "Certainly more than a thousand people are murdered in this way every day, and another thousand German men are habituated to murder...What shall I say when I am asked: And what did you do during that time?...Since Saturday the Berlin Jews are being rounded up. Then they are sent off with what they can carry...How can anyone know these things and walk around free?"; **UPDATE**: wrote "Today, not a numerous, but an active part of the German people are beginning to realize, not that they have been led astray, not that bad times await them, not that the war may end in defeat, but that what is happening is sin and that they are personally responsible for each terrible deed that has been committed - naturally, not in the earthly sense, but as Christians")

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