

Today's Martyrs

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Events – January 1942

Wednesday January 7, 1942



United States - Guam

Bishop Miguel Angel Urteaga Olano OFM Cap (aged 50, Spanish citizen, arrested by the Japanese occupation forces, confined to the cathedral, forced to run around a public plaza)

Br Jesus de Begona OFM Cap (Spanish citizen, arrested by the Japanese occupation forces, confined to the cathedral, forced to run around a public plaza)

<http://www.guampedia.com/bishop-miguel-angel-urteaga-olano-2/>

Thursday January 8, 1942



Poland: Warsaw

Br Piotr Zukowski OFM Conv (aged 28, arrested in [Niepokalanow monastery, Teresin](#) on [October 14, 1941](#); **UPDATE:** transferred from Pawiak Prison to Auschwitz Concentration Camp)

Br Stanislaw Antoni Trojanowski OFM Conv (aged 33, arrested in [Niepokalanow monastery, Teresin](#) on [October 14, 1941](#); **UPDATE:** transferred from Pawiak Prison to Auschwitz Concentration Camp)

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

Saturday January 10, 1942



United States - Guam

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Br Jesus de Begona OFM Cap (aged 50, Spanish citizen, arrested by the Japanese occupation forces on [January 7, 1942](#); **UPDATE**: shipped to Japan with the U.S. prisoners of war)

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Tuesday January 13, 1942



Austria: Linz

Fr Ludwig Kneidinger (arrested for circulating a copy of Bishop von Galen's anti-euthanasia homilies)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26360161M/The_Priest_Barracks

Thursday January 15, 1942



Germany: Freyung am Wald

Fr Ludwig Braun (arrested for 'defeatism')

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26360161M/The_Priest_Barracks

Monday January 19, 1942



The Netherlands

Fr Titus Brandsma O Carm (arrested by the Germans while delivering a letter from his bishops to the editors of Catholic newspapers)

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

Tuesday January 20, 1942

The Wannsee Conference outside Berlin finalized the bureaucratic roles and responsibilities needed for the complete destruction of the Jews under German control

Friday January 23, 1942



New Guinea: in or near Rabaul, New Britain

Rev Syd Beazley (missionary, Australian citizen, captured by the Japanese Army on or after this date)

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

Friday January 30, 1942



Germany

Fr Heinrich Hennan (arrested in [Munster](#) on [November 20, 1941](#) for having said in a homily that current books on Church history were not objective; **UPDATE:** sent to Dachau concentration camp)

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pfarrerblock_\(KZ_Dachau\)](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pfarrerblock_(KZ_Dachau)) - with translation
https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26360161M/The_Priest_Barracks

January 1942, date unknown



Japan: Tokyo

John A Hewitt (aged 35, missionary, British citizen, detained in [October 1941](#), interrogated for 5 days, released; detained on [December 8, 1941](#), later refused to be exchanged to Britain with diplomats and other missionaries; **UPDATE**: transferred to a mental hospital in [mid-January 1942](#), may have been subjected to experimental drugs)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26123571M/Heroes_Of_Our_Faith

<http://japanesebiblewoman.blogspot.com/2015/02/the-life-and-faith-of-john-hewitt-1907.html>



Germany: Berlin

Fr Josef Lenzel (arrested by the Gestapo after offering a Mass for maltreated Poles)

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