

# Today's Martyrs

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## Events – October 1942

**Sunday October 4, 1942**



### **Russia: possibly Karlag labor camp**

Fr Piotr Gaca OFM Cap (aged 34, arrested by the Soviets in [Lomza, Poland](#) on [May 23, 1940](#), charged with resistance activities; transferred to Minsk Prison in the [summer of 1941](#), sentenced to a labor camp; **UPDATE: died**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0803>

**Wednesday October 7, 1942**



### **Netherlands: Halsteren**

Fr Hubertus Antonius Maria Mol (aged 29, arrested for aiding people in hiding and banned youth groups)

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

[http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=NL_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fnl.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fHubertus_mol)

[US&dl=en&lp=NL\\_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fnl.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fHubertus\\_mol](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=NL_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fnl.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fHubertus_mol)

**Saturday October 17, 1942**



### **Russia: Sevrallag labor camp, Sverdlovsk oblast**

Prof Pranas Dovydaitis (aged 55, Lithuanian national, arrested by the Soviets in [Kaunas, Lithuania](#) on [June 14, 1941](#); indicted on [August 11, 1942](#) in [Sevurallag labor camp](#) on anti-Soviet activity, which he denied; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0929>

**Saturday October 24, 1942**



**Germany: Mauthausen concentration camp**

**In reprisal for the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, 263 Czechs are **executed**, including nine members of the Sts Cyril and Methodius Cathedral**

Frantiska Ornestova (wife of Vaclav Ornest, mother of Miluse Ornestova, **shot dead**)

Karel Louda (choir member, **shot dead**)

Ludmila Rysova (choir member, **shot dead**)

Marie Ciklova (wife of Fr Vaclav Cikel, **shot dead**)

Marie Gruzinnova (secretary of Bishop Gorazd, **shot dead**)

Marie Sonnevendova (wife of Jan Sonnevend, **shot dead**)

Marie Loudova (choir and youth member, **shot dead**)

Miluse Ornestova (daughter of Vaclav and Frantiska Ornest, choir and youth group member, **shot dead**)

Vaclav Ornest (sacristan, husband of Frantiska Ornestova, father of Miluse Ornestova, **shot dead**)

[http://orthodoxwiki.org/Ss.\\_Cyril\\_and\\_Methodius\\_Cathedral\\_%28Prague%2C\\_Czech\\_Republic%29](http://orthodoxwiki.org/Ss._Cyril_and_Methodius_Cathedral_%28Prague%2C_Czech_Republic%29)

**Sunday October 25, 1942**



**Yugoslavia: Zagreb**

Cardinal Aloysius Viktor Stepinac (aged 45, **UPDATE**: said in a homily "We affirm then that all peoples and races descend from God. In fact, there exists but one race...The members of this race can be white or black, they can be separated by oceans or live on the opposing poles, they remain first and foremost the race created by God")

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aloysius\\_Stepinac](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aloysius_Stepinac)

**Monday October 26, 1942**



**Philippines: Manila Bay**

Bishop Wilhelm Finneemann SVD (aged 59, German citizen, interned by the U.S. government and sent to the United States in 1917; **UPDATE**: **drowned** after being thrown from a Japanese boat, had been arrested and tortured for voicing opposition to Japanese atrocities)

<http://www.felixbierhaus.de/html/finneemann.html> - with translation



**Slovakia: Bratislava**

Bishop Pavel Peter Gojdic OSBM (aged 54, issued a pastoral letter from **Presov** on **January 25, 1939** concerning the government's "Program for the Solution of the Jewish Question" and predicted disaster should it be implemented; **UPDATE**: accused by the government of protecting Jews by engaging in fictitious conversions)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pavel\\_Peter\\_Gojdi%C4%8D](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pavel_Peter_Gojdi%C4%8D)

**Tuesday October 27, 1942**



**Austria: Vienna**

Sr Helena Kafka (aged 48, arrested on [February 18, 1942](#) for hanging crucifixes in a new hospital wing in [Vienna](#) in defiance of the Nazis; **UPDATE:** convicted of treason and sentenced to death)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maria\\_Restituta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maria_Restituta)

**Germany: Berlin**

Helmuth Gunther Guddat Hubener (aged 17, convicted of treason for anti-Nazi activities on [August 11, 1942](#); **UPDATE:** [guillotined](#))

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmuth\\_H%C3%BCbener](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmuth_H%C3%BCbener)

**October 1942, date unknown**



**Poland - now Ukraine: Volodymyr-Volynsky**

Fr Stanislaw Kobylecki (aged 40, arrested by the Soviets in [Volodymyr-Volynsky](#) in [1940](#); escaped from [Lutsk prison](#) during the [June 1941](#) execution of prisoners by the Soviet Army; **UPDATE:** arrested by the German Gestapo)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1038>