

Today's Martyrs

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Events – August 1943

Sunday August 1, 1943



Poland - now Belarus: outside Nowogrodek

Eleven nuns **shot dead by the Gestapo and buried in a mass grave**

Sr Adela Mardosewicz CSFN (aged 54)

Sr Anna Kokołowicz CSFN (aged 50)

Sr Eleonora Aniela Jozwik CSFN (aged 48)

Sr Eugenia Mackiewicz CSFN (aged 39)

Sr Helena Cierpka CSFN (aged 43)

Sr Jadwiga Karolina Zak CSFN (aged 50)

Sr Jozefa Chrobot CSFN (aged 47)

Sr Julia Rapiej CSFN (aged 42)

Sr Leokadia Matuszewska CSFN (aged 37)

Sr Paulina Borowik CSFN (aged 37)

Sr Weronika Narmontowicz CSFN (aged 26)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blessed_Martyrs_of_Nowogr%C3%B3dek

Thursday August 5, 1943



Germany: Berlin

Liane Berkowitz (aged 19, arrested on [September 26, 1942](#) for anti-Nazi activities, gave birth to Irina Berkowitz on [April 12, 1943](#), **UPDATE: guillotined**)

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

Monday August 9, 1943



Germany: Berlin

Franz Jagerstatter OFS (aged 36, husband of Franziska, father of Hildegard, Rosi, Maria, and Louisi, Austrian national, conscientious objector, arrested in the army garrison in [Enns, Austria](#) on [March 1, 1943](#) after refusing to take the Hitler Oath, sent to prison in Linz; transferred to prison in [Berlin-Tegel](#) on [May 4, 1943](#); convicted in [Berlin-Charlottenburg](#) of undermining military morale and sentenced to death on [July 6, 1943](#); **UPDATE: guillotined**, last words were "I am completely bound in inner union with the Lord")

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/the-story-of-a-loving-father-who-was-killed-for-resisting-the-nazis-43001/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franz_J%C3%A4gerst%C3%A4tter

Friday August 13, 1943



Germany: Plotzensee prison, Berlin

Fr Jacob Gapp SM (aged 46, tricked by two German agents posing as catechumens into crossing the Spanish border into France, arrested by the Gestapo in [Hendaye](#) on [November 9, 1942](#); **UPDATE: guillotined** for anti-Nazi homilies and activities)

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=486

Sunday August 15, 1943



Poland

Fr Lawrence [Wawrzyniec] Anthony Wnuk O.Ont (arrested)

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

Monday August 23, 1943



Austria: Vienna

Fr Johannes Wilhelm Pieller OFM (aged 51, arrested for anti-Nazi activities)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2faustria-forum.org%2faf%2fWissenssammlungen%2fBiographien%2fPieller%252C_Wilhelm

August 1943, date unknown



Austria: Arbing

Fr Alois Poranzl (aged 51, arrested for anti-Nazi statements)

Germany: Berlin

Franz Kaufmann (aged 57, jurist, arrested for providing false documents to aid hiding Jews)

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



France: Le Chambon-sur-Lignon

Pastor Andre Trocme (aged 42, cousin of Daniel Trocme, arrested, had been sheltering Jews, released after 3-5 weeks)

Rev Edouard Theis (arrested, had been sheltering Jews, released after 3-5 weeks)

Roger Darcissac (school headmaster, arrested, had been sheltering Jews, released after 3-5 weeks)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andr%C3%A9_and_Magda_Trocm%C3%A9