

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – September 1943

Wednesday September 1, 1943



Germany: Dusseldorf

Fr Roger Derry (aged 42, French citizen, arrested in Paris on [October 9, 1941](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?from=fr&to=en&a=http%3A%2F%2Ffr.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FRoger_Derry

Wednesday September 8, 1943

Surrender of Italy to the Allies

Germany begins military operations within and against Italy



Turkmenistan

Fr Franciszek Janocha OFM (aged 31, arrested in [Lviv](#) by the Soviets in [July 1940](#), sentenced to death, commuted to imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to [Unzhlag](#); amnestied as a Polish citizen on [September 2, 1941](#); appointed chaplain of the Polish Armed Forces of the East on [March 1, 1942](#) in [Chok-Pak, Kazakhstan](#); arrested on [March 20, 1943](#) on anti-Soviet and espionage charges; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Ukhtizhmlag)

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



Vatican City

Pope Pius XII aka Eugenio Maria Giuseppe Giovanni Pacelli (aged 67, **UPDATE**: told his closest aides that his arrest by the Germans could be imminent, had said "If they want to arrest me they will have to drag me from the Vatican...the person who would leave under these conditions would not be Pius XII but Eugenio Pacelli", thus indicating his resignation as Pope would take effect at that moment)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/5195584/Vatican-planned-to-move-to-Portugal-if-Nazis-captured-wartime-Pope.html>

Thursday September 9, 1943



Germany: Plotzensee prison, Berlin

Theodor Hespers (aged 39, fled Germany in [April 1933](#) to publish anti-Nazi Christian literature in the Netherlands, became a Dutch citizen; arrested by the Gestapo in [Antwerp](#) on [February 10, 1942](#), tortured; sentenced to death on [July 22, 1943](#); **UPDATE**: [hanged](#))

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Netherlands.htm
http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fde.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fTheodor_Hespers

Thursday September 16, 1943



Italy - now Croatia: Rovinj, Istarska

Fr Angelo Tarticchio (aged 36, arrested by Yugoslav partisans, tortured)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=IT_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.wikideep.it%2fpartigiani-iugoslavi%2f

Sunday September 19, 1943



Italy: Boves, Cuneo

Fr Giuseppe Bernardi (aged 45, **killed**)

Fr Mario Ghibauda (aged 23, **killed**)

Italy - now Croatia: Rovinj, Istarska

Fr Angelo Tarticchio (aged 36, arrested by Yugoslav partisans, tortured; **UPDATE**: mutilated and **killed**, later found to have been buried with a crown of thorns embedded in his head)

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http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Italy2.htm
<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1943.htm>

Thursday September 23, 1943



Italy: Torre di Palidoro, Rome

Salvo D'Acquisto (aged 22, military police sergeant, **shot dead** after saving 22 hostages by claiming that he alone was responsible for an accidental explosion in which one German SS soldier was killed)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salvo_D%27Acquisto

Friday September 24, 1943



Croatia: Sinj

Fr Ivan Kalinic (aged 32, **died**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1943.htm>

Monday September 27, 1943



Australia: Drysdale River Mission [now Kalumburu], Western Territory

Fr Thomas Gil OSB (aged 45, missionary, **killed along with 5 parishioners** in a Japanese bombing raid on his mission)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalumburu,_Western_Australia#World_War_II

Tuesday September 28, 1943



Italy: Garzano, Caserta

Seven people executed by the Germans in revenge for a partisan attack that killed one German soldier

Fr Domenico Borgiattino SDB (aged 76, **killed**)

Fr Francesco Coratella SDB (aged 82, **killed**)

Br Giuseppe de Gennaro SDB (aged 57, **killed**)

Fr Tommaso Chiapello SDB (aged 79, **killed**)

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

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[US&dl=en&lp=IT_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.casertanews.it%2fpublic%2farticoli%2f2013%2f09%2f24%2f092636_celebrazioni-caserta-28-settembre-1943-targa-ricorda-70-anni-eccidio-garzano.htm](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=IT_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.casertanews.it%2fpublic%2farticoli%2f2013%2f09%2f24%2f092636_celebrazioni-caserta-28-settembre-1943-targa-ricorda-70-anni-eccidio-garzano.htm)

September 1943, date unknown



Japan

Bishop Miguel Angel Urteaga Olano OFM Cap (aged 52, Spanish citizen, arrested by the Japanese occupation forces on [Guam](#) on [January 7, 1942](#); shipped to Japan with the U.S. prisoners of war on [January 10, 1942](#); **UPDATE**: freed, allowed to leave for Goa, Portuguese India)

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



Lithuania: Vilnius

Sr Bertrand Anna Borkowska (arrested by the Gestapo, had sheltered and aided Jews, sent to Kaunas concentration camp, tortured, survived the war)

<http://www.outono.net/elentir/2018/11/20/cecylia-maria-roszak-farewell-to-a-110-year-old-polish-nun-who-helped-save-jewish-lives/>



Italy: Assisi

Catholic clergy create a network of shelters for 300 Jews in monasteries and convents

Fr Aldo Brunacci

Bishop Giuseppe Placido Nicolini OSB

Fr Rufino Niccacci OFM

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

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

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



Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Fr Johannes Burkhart (arrived in [Dachau](#) on [February 2, 1942](#); **UPDATE**: interrogated for attempting to send illegal letters)

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