

Today's Martyrs – October 1943

Saturday October 2, 1943



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Russia: Arkhangelsk oblast

Fr Ryszard Grabski OFM Cap (aged 33, captured by German border guards in [occupied Poland](#) while illegally crossing from Soviet held territory in 1940, handed over to Soviet border guards, sent to [Belostok Prison](#); sent to [Kotlas, Arkhangelsk oblast, Russia](#) in [May 1941](#); arrested on [August 23, 1942](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Vorkutlag, later transferred to Kamyshlag)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0315>

Tuesday October 5, 1943



Austria: Waidhofen an der Ybbs

Frantisek Vlk SJ (aged 21, Slovak national, seminarian, **died**)

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

Friday October 8, 1943



Germany: Munich

Hans Conrad Leipelt (aged 22, fiancé of Marie-Luise Jahn, decorated war veteran, arrested for having collected money for Clara Huber, the widow of executed White Rose resistance leader Professor Kurt Huber)

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

<http://www.katjasdacha.com/whiterose/biographies/hcleipelt.html>

Sunday October 10, 1943



Germany: Munster

Nearly 700 civilians and soldiers were killed in a bombing raid, including four priests and fifty nuns who were attending a conference

Mother Bona (killed)

Fr Brandkamp (gave last rites to Sr Coleta)

Bishop Clemens August Graf von Galen (aged 65, **UPDATE**: survived with minor injuries despite direct bomb hits on his residence)

Sr Coleta (pulled from the convent wreckage, **died of her injuries** the following day)

Sr Regina (pulled Sr Coleta from the wreckage)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26246325M/The_Lion_of_Munster

Tuesday October 12, 1943



Germany: Stadelheim prison, Munich

Willi Graf (aged 22, medical student, White Rose resistance leader, arrested on **February 18, 1943**; convicted of treason, sentenced to death on **April 19, 1943**; **UPDATE**: **guillotined**, wrote before his execution "Christianity is the tradition upon which we have built and carry on our spiritual and cultural life...Without religion a state can have no permanence. All order comes from God, equally for the family, the people, or the state" and "In every destiny, no matter how hard it may be, there lies a distinct meaning, even though it may not be disclosed to us in this world. The more difficult the time we pass through, the closer we come to God")

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

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26078489M/A_Noble_Treason - pages 142 and 278

Friday October 15, 1943



Germany: Cologne

Fr Roger Derry (aged 42, French citizen, arrested in Paris on [October 9, 1941](#); sentenced to death in [Dusseldorf](#) on [September 1, 1943](#); **UPDATE: guillotined**)

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

Saturday October 16, 1943



Germany: Eberswalde

Irina Berkowitz (aged 6 months, orphan daughter of Liane Berkowitz, born in prison on [April 12, 1942](#); **UPDATE: died in hospital** under unknown circumstances)

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

October 1943, date unknown



Russia: Komi ASSR

Sr Raisa Krylevskaya OP (aged 47, arrested in [Kostroma](#) on [October 9, 1933](#); another prisoner testified on [November 16, 1933](#) "Raisa Ivanovna Krylevskaya was endlessly devoted to Mother Catherine Abrikosova and Bishop [Eugene] Neveu. In her words, she would follow them 'to the firing squad'"; under interrogation in [Moscow](#) on [December 6, 1933](#) said "I have expressed counter-revolutionary views, directed against the policies of the Party and Soviet authority. I stand by my counter-revolutionary views even now. I have not changed them and do not choose to do so. I am a fundamental opponent of the policy being carried out by Soviet power both in the city and in the countryside"; sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [February 19, 1934](#); **UPDATE: released from a labor camp, sent into internal exile in Kazakhstan**)

Russia: Vyatlag labor camp

Boris Alexeyevich Malyshev (aged about 40, widower of Maria Malysheva, father of Modest and Olga, arrested in [Vyshny Volochyok](#) on [October 18, 1941](#), later sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; arrived too late to see his wife before she died on [April 13, 1942](#); **UPDATE**: released after recovering from near death)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0423>

<http://orthochristian.com/111203.html>



Germany: Brandenburg an der Havel

Fr Alois Grimm SJ (aged 57, Austrian, arrested for religious instructions he had given to SS officers, both of whom testified against him)

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