

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – December 1943

**Friday December 3, 1943**



**Germany: Gommern, Jerichower**

Sr Suzanne Tatett veuve de Sibien OSB (aged 52, French citizen, widow, **died**)

**Germany: Ravensbruck concentration camp**

Sr Filomena Dolanska OP (aged 48, Czech national, **died**)

**Germany: Wolfenbittel**

Fr Lambert (monk, French citizen, **beheaded**)

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

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Czech1.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech1.htm)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wolfen%C3%BCttel>

**Monday December 13, 1943**



**Germany: Wolfenbittel**

Fr Aime Lambert OSB (aged 69, French citizen, **died**)

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

**Monday December 20, 1943**



### **Philippines: Panay**

Prof James Howard Covell (missionary with over 20 years' experience in Japan, U.S. citizen, husband of Charma, father of Margaret and a son, **executed** by the Japanese after two years' hiding in the jungle in a makeshift chapel called Hopeville)

Charma Moore Covell (missionary with over 20 years' experience in Japan, U.S. citizen, husband of Charma, mother of Margaret and a son, **executed**)

Margaret "Peggy" Covell (aged 21, daughter of James and Charma Covell, college student in Keuka College, NY, later used her Japanese fluency as a volunteer social worker at a Japanese POW camp in Colorado out of a desire to forgive her parents' murderers [which indirectly led to the Christian conversion of Pearl Harbor attack leader Mitsuo Fuchida])

Jennie Clare Adams (missionary, U.S. citizen, **executed**)

Dorothy Antoinette Dowell (missionary, U.S. citizen, **executed**)

Signe Amelia Erikson (missionary, U.S. citizen, **executed**)

Dr Frederick Willer-Meyer (missionary, U.S. citizen, **executed**)

Ruth Schatch Meyer (missionary, U.S. citizen, **executed**)

Dr Francis Howard Rose (missionary, U.S. citizen, **executed**)

Gertrude Coombs Rose (missionary, U.S. citizen, **executed**)

Rev Erle Frederich Rounds (missionary, U.S. citizen, **executed**)

Louise Cummings Rounds (missionary, U.S. citizen, **executed**)

Erle Douglas (missionary, U.S. citizen, **executed**)

Erle Rounds Jr (child, **bayoneted to death** along with two other children)

<https://olivesandcoffee.com/article/peggy-covell/>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hopevale\\_Martyrs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hopevale_Martyrs)

**Tuesday December 28, 1943**



### **Germany: Buchenwald concentration camp**

Fr Louis de Jabrun SJ (aged 60, French citizen, **died**)

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

**December 1943, date unknown**



**Greece: Zakynthos**

Mayor Loukas Carrer (threatened with death by the local German commanders when he failed to deliver a list of Jews on the island, went to Archbishop Dimitrios Chrysostomos for advice, later accompanied Chrysostomos during his final confrontation with the Germans and helped coordinate the hiding and feeding of the Jews on the island)

Metropolitan Dimitrios Chrysostomos (aged 53, released from prison in [Athens](#) on [November 23, 1943](#); **UPDATE**: advised Mayor Loukas Carrer to destroy the list of Jews living on the island and offered to negotiate with the Germans, met with the German commander and told him the Jews did not deserve deportation, when the commander insisted on a list he handed over a piece of paper with his name and the mayor's and said "Here is the list of Jews you require", when threatened with death replied "According to your orders, you can arrest me and not them, and if that does not satisfy you, then I will show you how close I am to these innocent Jewish families. I will follow them in their dramatic march and along with them I will enter the gas chambers and the crematories", the Germans were shocked and did nothing, later helped coordinate the hiding and feeding of the Jews on the island)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26192286M/Miracle\\_at\\_Zakynthos](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26192286M/Miracle_at_Zakynthos)

[http://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/righteous/stories/chrysostomos\\_karreri.asp?WT.mc\\_id=wiki](http://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/righteous/stories/chrysostomos_karreri.asp?WT.mc_id=wiki)



**France: Fort d'Hauteville, Dijon**

Rev Clifford John Cohu (aged 60. husband of Harriet, British citizen, arrested in Guernsey on [March 12, 1943](#) for disseminating war news ['anti-German propaganda'] including in his homilies; convicted on [April 9, 1943](#), sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment; deported to France in [July 1943](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to Saarbrücken)

[http://www.theislandwiki.org/?title=Clifford\\_John\\_Cohu](http://www.theislandwiki.org/?title=Clifford_John_Cohu)