

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – May 1944

Thursday May 7, 1944



Poland – now Belarus: Luninets

Br Anthony Adamski OMI (aged 65, **shot dead** by the Germans)

<http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr0006.htm>

Friday May 8, 1944



Italy

Fr Boleslaw Chuczynski O.Carm (aged 40, Polish military chaplain, arrested by the Soviets in 1939 and sent to [Kozelsk POW camp](#); transferred in July 1941 to [Gryazovets POW camp](#), later transferred to [Butyrka Prison in Moscow](#), sentenced to [Sevdivinlag labor camp](#), amnestied to join the Polish Armed Forces of the East; allowed to leave the Soviet Union via Iran on or after [March 18, 1942](#); **UPDATE**: **died** while serving with the Polish Army as a chaplain)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1825>

Sunday May 10, 1944



Austria: Vienna

Fr Roman Karl Scholz CRSA (aged 32, **killed**)

Germany: Brandenburg an der Havel

Hans Wolfel (aged 42, Austrian jurist, arrested in **July 1943** for saying that the war was lost and that Hitler was the biggest liar of all time; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death after stating during interrogation that Nazism conflicted with his Christian beliefs)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Austria.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%2fHans_W%25C3%25B6lfel

Monday May 22, 1944



France: Lyon

Eugene Pons (aged 59, printer, published Christian and anti-Nazi literature, arrested)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?from=fr&to=en&a=http%3A%2F%2Ffr.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FEug%25C3%25A8ne_Pons

Friday May 26, 1944



Poland: Auschwitz Concentration Camp

Fr Joseph Adamecki (aged 31, **shot dead**)

<http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr0005.htm>

Sunday May 28, 1944



France: Clermont-Ferrand

Bishop Gabriel Piguet (aged 57, arrested by the Gestapo for hiding a wanted priest and for hiding Jewish children in a Catholic boarding school)

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

May 1944, date unknown



Italy: Esperia

Fr Alberto Terrilli (tied to a tree and sodomized all night by French Moroccan soldiers after he had tried to protect women from rape, **died two day later from internal lacerations**)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marocchine>



Belgium: Brussels

Fr Kristiaan Hubertus Muermans SCJ (aged 35, arrested by the Gestapo for trying to save young people from deportation to labor camps)

http://www.scj.org/scj_homp/we-scj/martyers_kristiaan_hubertus_muermans_10022001.html#e