

Today's Martyrs

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Events – July 1944

Saturday July 1, 1944



Germany: Berlin

Elisabeth Adelheid Hildegard von Thadden (aged 54, school headmistress, arrested for anti-Nazi activities on [January 12, 1944](#); **UPDATE**: convicted of treason, sentenced to death)

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

Monday July 3, 1944



Germany: Brandenburg an der Havel

Hans Wolfel (aged 42, Austrian jurist, sentenced to death on [May 10, 1944](#) after stating during interrogation that Nazism conflicted with his religious beliefs; **UPDATE**: [guillotined](#))

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Monday July 10, 1944



France: Romainville, Paris

Raymonde Guyon-Belot (aged 23, widow of Fernand Belot, published Christian and anti-Nazi literature, with her husband organized a network to help Jews escape to Switzerland, arrested along with her husband, father-in-law, and family on [March 27, 1944](#) in [Lyon](#), tortured; **UPDATE**: deported to Ravensbruck concentration camp)

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

Wednesday July 12, 1944



United States - Guam

Fr Jesus Baza Duenas (aged 33, **beheaded** by Japanese occupational forces, had refused an opportunity to escape due to fear of reprisals against others)

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

Sunday July 16, 1944



France: Vieugy, Rhone-Alpes

Fr Louis-Adrien Favre MSFS (aged 43, smuggled Jews and resistance fighters into Switzerland, arrested [February 3, 1944](#) in [Ville-la-Grand](#) by the Gestapo; **UPDATE**: **shot dead** with seven others in a clearing)

[http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?from=fr&to=en&a=http%3A%2F%2Ffr.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FLouis_Favre_\(pr%25C3%25AAtre\)](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?from=fr&to=en&a=http%3A%2F%2Ffr.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FLouis_Favre_(pr%25C3%25AAtre))

Monday July 17, 1944



Ukraine: Krystynopil

Sr Olha Matskiv SSMI (aged 25, **shot dead** by a Russian soldier who admitted he killed her because she was a nun)

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

<http://ssmi.org//Causes.html>



Poland: Auschwitz Concentration Camp

Jane Haining (aged 47, missionary, British citizen, deported from [Budapest](#) to Auschwitz on [April 28, 1944](#), had been arrested by the Gestapo earlier in the month on charges of having 'worked among the Jews' and 'weeping when putting yellow stars on the girls', had refused to leave her orphanage in 1940 when ordered by her church; **UPDATE: died from cachexia and intestinal catarrh**)

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

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL7932547M/The_Righteous

Thursday July 20, 1944



Italy: Sidolo di Bardi, Parma

Two priests and a visiting seminarian were executed by the Germans for giving food to young refugees, the six refugees were also killed

Fr Giuseppe Bahir (aged 32, **shot dead**)

Fr Francesco Delnevo (**shot dead**)

Italo Subacchi (aged 22, seminarian, **shot dead**)

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Sunday July 23, 1944



Germany: Berlin

Hans-Bernd August Gustav von Haeften (aged 38, jurist, arrested for involvement in the July 20th plot to assassinate Hitler)

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

Monday July 24, 1944



France: La Brosse-Montceaux, Seine-et-Marne

Fr Albert Piat OMI (aged 35, tortured, **shot dead**)

Fr Christian Gilbert OMI (aged 32, tortured, **shot dead**)

Jean-Marie Cuny OMI (aged 26, postulant, tortured, **shot dead**)

Br Joachim Nio OMI (aged 45, tortured, **shot dead**)

Lucien Perrier OMI (aged 26, postulant, tortured, **shot dead**)

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

<http://www.omiworld.org/content.asp?catID=3&artID=2759>

Tuesday July 25, 1944



Belgium: Brussels

Fr Henri van Oostayen SJ (aged 38, arrested by the Gestapo for sheltering Jews)

<http://college.holycross.edu/faculty/vlapomar/hiatt/oostayen.html>

Thursday July 27, 1944



France: Lyon, Rhone

Francis Chirat (aged 27, **died**)

Gilbert Dru (aged 24, **shot dead** by the Gestapo)

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

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

Friday July 28, 1944



Germany: Munich

Fr Alfred Delp SJ (aged 37, arrested by the Gestapo in connection with the plot to assassinate Hitler)

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

Saturday July 29, 1944



France: Les Angles, Gard

Walter Krajnc (aged 28, Austrian national, attorney disbarred by the Nazis as 'unreliable', German army radio operator, **shot dead** after making critical remarks about the execution of hostages)

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%2fWalter_Krajnc

July 1944, date unknown



Yap

Fr Bernardo de la Espriella Mosquera SJ (aged 54, Colombian citizen, expelled to Palau by Japanese authorities)

Br Francisco Hernandez Escudero SJ (aged 56, Spanish citizen, expelled to Palau by Japanese authorities)

Fr Luis Blanco Suarez SJ (aged 58, Spanish citizen, expelled to Palau by Japanese authorities)

<http://www.micsem.org/pubs/books/catholic/yap/>



Philippines: Manila

Fr George J Willmann SJ (aged 47, missionary, U.S. citizen, arrested by the Japanese, placed in a concentration camp, survived the war)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_J._Willmann



Kazakhstan: Karlag labor camp, Akmolinsk sector

Fr Władysław Grzegorski MSF (aged 43, Polish citizen, arrested in 1940 in [Vilkaviskis, Lithuania](#); **UPDATE**: released, became a chaplain in the Polish People's Army)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0880>



Ukraine: Khiniche, Volodymyr

Fr Władysław Czyzewski (aged 33, arrested in [Khiniche, Volodymyr, Ukraine](#) on [March 18, 1941](#), sent to Lviv Prison, sentenced to death, commuted to 25 years' imprisonment in a camp; amnestied in [1942](#), returned to his parish; **UPDATE**: arrested, sentenced to death, commuted to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Sibląg)

Ukraine: Lviv

Fr Wladyslaw Kernicki OFM (aged 32, arrested, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1021>

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1540>