Today's Martyrs – February 1947

Tuesday February 11, 1947



Ukraine: Lviv

Fr Ignacy Chwirut (aged 59, arrested on January 15, 1945 on counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced on December 28, 1946 to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: transferred to a labor camp, later returned and resumed his pastoral duties)

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Thursday February 13, 1947



Russia: Arkhangelsk oblast

Fr Feliks Kasperowicz (aged 52, arrested in Dzyarzhynsk, Belarus on January 28, 1934; sentenced on February 26, 1934 to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Karlag in Kazakhstan; transferred in September 1936 to Ukhtpechlag in Russia; transferred to Vorkutlag on June 11, 1938; released on August 22, 1944, sent into internal exile to Arkhangelsk oblast; **UPDATE**: released from internal exile, returned to Dzyarzhynsk, later arrested and sentenced to 3 years' internal exile in Siberia)

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February 1947, date unknown



Russia: Norillag labor camp near Dudinka, Taymyr Dolgano-Nenets Autonomous Okrug

Fr Walter Ciszek SJ (aged 43. U.S. citizen, arrested in Chusovoy, Perm Krai on June 23, 1941, with two other Jesuits had taken advantage of the 1939 Soviet occupation of eastern Poland to volunteer as workers for transfer to Siberia for underground missionary work, charged with anti-Soviet activities and espionage, transferred to Lubyanka Prison in

Moscow, beaten and tortured, forced to sign confessions,; indicted on August 26, 1942; sentenced on September 23, 1942 to 15 years' imprisonment at hard labor, kept at Butyrka Prison, 'broken', signed incriminating statements; exiled in 1945 to the Urals, worked as a dump truck river, engaged in underground missionary work; arrested in 1946 for his underground missionary work, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Norillag; UPDATE: transferred to Norilsk in Krasnoyarsk Krai, worked in a brick factory)

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