

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – May 1947

Sunday May 11, 1947



Albania

Fr Gjon Koda OFM (aged 54, **died from the results of two weeks of torture** in a horse stable)

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

<https://usfranciscans.org/tag/postulation/page/3/>

Tuesday May 13, 1947



Ukraine: Kamyanets-Podilsky

Fr Wladyslaw Dworzecki (aged 73, arrested on **January 26, 1930** in **Kamyanets-Podilsky**, sent to Kiev, indicted on anti-Soviet and counter-revolutionary charges; sentenced on **May 12, 1930** to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; granted early release from **Belbaltlag labor camp, Russia** on **April 16, 1936** as an invalid, returned to Kamyanets-Podilsky; **UPDATE:** home raided by NKVD agents with an arrest order, order not executed because “the priest is paralyzed and not able to stand”, continued to hear confessions until his **death** later that year)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0941>

Monday May 19, 1947



Albania

Bishop Vincens Prenushi OFM (aged 61, arrested)

https://sq.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vinçens_Prenushi - with translation

Monday May 26, 1947



Lithuania

Fr Juozas Laukaitis (aged 74, arrested)

https://lt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juozas_Laukaitis - with translation

May 1947, date unknown



Romania: Giurtelecu Simleului

Fr Alexander Ratiu (aged 32, U.S. citizen, arrested)

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



Poland: Warsaw

Cardinal August Hlond (aged 65, fled [Poland](#) on [September 18, 1939](#) at the request of the government, reported to the Vatican on the extent of German atrocities; arrested by the Gestapo in [Hautecombe, Savoy, France](#) in [February 1944](#), taken to Paris and then Wiedenbrück in Germany, freed at the end of the war and returned to Poland; **UPDATE:** wrote a pastoral letter regarding communist actions "Since the days of St. Peter, the Church has not been subjected to a persecution such as that to which she is subjected today")

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