

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – May 1953

Friday May 1, 1953

May 1953, date unknown



North Korea

Fr William Booth MM (aged 54, U.S. citizen, arrested by North Korean forces in [Seoul, South Korea](#) on [July 2, 1950](#), forced to march to [Pyongyang, North Korea](#); after a trial forced to march to the [Yalu](#) without food or shelter; absolved Bishop Patrick James Byrne before his death on [November 25, 1950](#); **UPDATE**: released)

<http://maryknollmissionarchives.org/?deceased-fathers-bro=father-william-r-booth-mm>



China: Shanghai

Fr W. Aedan McGrath SSC (aged 48, Irish citizen, imprisoned in [September 1951](#), tortured; **UPDATE**: released, expelled from the country)

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



Russia: Angarlag labor camp

Fr Adam Garbaczyk (aged 48, sentenced in [Przemysl, Ukraine](#) on [October 13, 1950](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: transferred to Kitoylag)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0815>