

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – 1954 – unknown month



North Vietnam: Hanoi

Marie-Michel Marcel Van CSSR (aged 31, arrested in [late 1954](#) for not agreeing with government propaganda, later sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment)

https://openlibrary.org/works/OL1985805W/The_Catholic_martyrs_of_the_twentieth_century



Russia

Fr Fabionis Kemeshis (aged 75, arrested in [Daynuva, Lithuania](#) in [1946](#), deported to [Krasnoyarsk Krae](#); **UPDATE**: [died](#), exact date and place unknown)

Fr Vikenty Borsuk (aged 56, arrested in [Grodno, Belarus](#) on [July 30, 1945](#); sentenced on [October 29, 1946](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released)

Russia: possibly Siblag labor camp

Fr Antoni Duliniec (aged 65, arrested in [Segnevichi, Belarus](#) in [1949](#), sentenced to a labor camp; **UPDATE**: released from camp, sent into internal exile)

Russia: Temlag labor camp, Yavas, Zubovo-Polyansk raion, Mordovian ASSR

Christina Ivanovna Gildman (aged 49, housekeeper for Fr Leopold Braun in [Moscow](#), arrested in early [1948](#) on charges of having 'maintained a criminal connection with the American spies [Fr Leopold] Braun and [Fr Antoine] Laberge, having visited their apartments and given them slanderous and espionage information about the USSR' despite her illiteracy, sentenced on [July 5, 1948](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: transferred to a camp for disabled prisoners at Ukhta, Komi ASSR)

Fr Wendelin Jaworka SJ (aged 72, Slovak national, arrested in [Chernivtsi, Ukraine](#) on [June 12, 1945](#) on espionage charges, resisted interrogations; sentenced on [November 12, 1945](#) to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: transferred to Minlag)

Russia: Vorkutlag labor camp

Sr Raisa Krylevskaya OP (aged 58, arrested in [Kaluga](#) on espionage charges on [November 30, 1948](#); sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [August 17, 1949](#); **UPDATE**: transferred to Karlag in Kazakhstan)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0157>
<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0303>
<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0423>
<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0938>
<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1019>
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Czech Republic: Prague

Sr Zdenka Cecília Schelingova SCSC (aged 37, hospital radiology technician, helped Fr Stefan Kostial escape from the hospital in Bratislava on February 19, 1952 by drugging a guard; arrested on February 29, 1952 for attempting to help priests and seminarians escape custody, tortured, right breast torn apart from continual kicks; sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment by judge Paul Korbuly on June 17, 1952; **UPDATE:** developed breast cancer, mastectomy performed without anesthesia)

Czechoslovakia

Bishop Stepan Trochta SDB (aged 49, arrested by the Gestapo on May 28, 1942, sent to Terezin, Mauthausen and Dachau concentration camps; under house arrest by the StB in 1951, forced to sign allegiance to the socialist republic while under the likely influence of narcotics; arrested in 1953; **UPDATE:** sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment)

https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C5%A0t%C4%9Bp%C3%A1n_Trochta - with translation
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cec%C3%ADlia_Schelingov%C3%A1