

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – July 1955

Sunday July 31, 1955



Slovakia: Trnava

Sr Zdenka Cecília Schelingova SCSC (aged 38, 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; developed breast cancer in 1954, mastectomy performed in Prague without anesthesia; released from prison on April 16, 1955; **UPDATE: died**)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cec%C3%ADlia_Schelingov%C3%A1

July 1955, date unknown



Romania: Sighet Prison

Fr Alexander Ratiu (aged 39, U.S. citizen, arrested in Giurtelecu Simleului in May 1947; released in July 1948; arrested in Oradea on October 19, 1948, imprisoned at Caldarusani; transferred to Sighet Prison in May 1950; **UPDATE: transferred to Gherla Prison**)

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