

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – 1962 – unknown month



Romania: Great Braila Island labor camp

Fr Alexander Ratiu (aged 46, 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](#); transferred to [Gherla Prison](#) in [July 1955](#); transferred to labor camps at [Stramba](#), [Stoienesti](#) and [Great Braila Island](#) beginning in [1959](#); **UPDATE**: released and placed under house arrest in [Latesti](#), [Ialomita county](#))

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



Czechoslovakia

Bishop Stepan Trochta SDB (aged 57, 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](#); sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment in [1954](#); released in a [May 1960](#) amnesty, forced to work as a plumber; **UPDATE**: developed a heart condition, confined to a nursing home, continued to perform secret ordinations)

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