



father  
**Martino  
Capelli, scj**

*Allow me to be  
a martyr  
one day*



Factory's Holding Tank – Pioppe di Salvaro (Bologna-Italy).  
Place of martyrdom of P. Martino Capelli



# father Martino Capelli, scj

He was born in Nembro (Italy) on September 20, 1912 and entered religious life as a Dehonian in 1930. He was ordained as a priest in 1938. After studying at the Biblical Institute and at the Urbaniana University of Rome (1939-43), starting in 1943 he taught theology at the SCJ Seminary in Bologna. Because of his dedication to the people oppressed by the Nazi-fascist invasion — to whom he brought assistance and religious comfort, especially the wounded — Fr. Martino, together with a Salesian, Fr. Elia Comini, was arrested on September 29, 1944 by the Nazi SS in Pioppe di Salvaro (a town near Bologna). On October 1, 1944 he was shot, and then died, along with 44 other victims, when they were attacked with hand grenades.



## Prayer

Lord Jesus, good Shepherd, we thank you  
for calling Father Martino Capelli to live  
in your Church as a religious priest,  
consecrated to your divine Heart.

We ask you through his prayer to be strengthened  
in hope, rooted in charity, so that we too can be  
a service of love to you and to our brothers and  
sisters for the joy and glory of the Father.

Heart of Jesus, in your infinite love, grant us  
grace that we confidently ask you, through  
the intercession of Fr. Martino devoted son  
of Mary of Sorrows and ardent apostle of  
reconciliation and peace. Amen

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