



father  
**Martino  
Capelli, scj**

*Allow me to be  
a martyr  
of  
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 give you thanks for calling  
Father Martino Capelli  
to live in your Church as a religious and priest,  
consecrated to your divine Heart.

His mission was a testimony of virtue  
and love for your Kingdom.

His martyrdom sealed  
the offering of his entire life.

Through the intercession of Blessed  
Martyr Martino Capelli,  
we ask you, O Heart of Jesus,  
for the grace we need.

We also entrust ourselves  
to Our Lady of Sorrows,  
in whom our Blessed taught us to trust. Amen.

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