

SAINTS

OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY

*Adore with a lively faith Jesus veiled in the
Most Blessed Sacrament for love of man.*

BLESSED JOSEPH ZAPLATA

Religious and Martyr (1904-1945)

At the age of twenty-three, Joseph Zaplata, a native of Poland, entered the Congregation of the Brothers of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. He made his solemn profession as a religious on 10th March 1938, at the age of thirty-four. Eighteen months later, in the autumn of 1939, the Nazis invaded Poland, subjecting this largely Catholic country to the aggression of a regime that in pursuance of its evil agenda sought to destroy the Catholic Church. Shortly after the beginning of the Nazi occupation, Brother Joseph was arrested on 3rd October 1939. He was subsequently sent to the concentration camp of Dachau, Germany, where he was to spend most of the war. On 19th February 1945, only eleven weeks before the end of the war in Europe, the forty-one-year-old religious died from typhoid he had contracted in the course of assisting dying fellow prisoners.

*Jesus came in us as King on the day of our baptism,
but sin disputes this dominion with him. When we
destroy sin, infidelities, attachment to the creature,
when we live by faith in him, in his word,
in his merits, when we seek to please him in all things,
then Christ is Master.*

Blessed Columba Marmion
