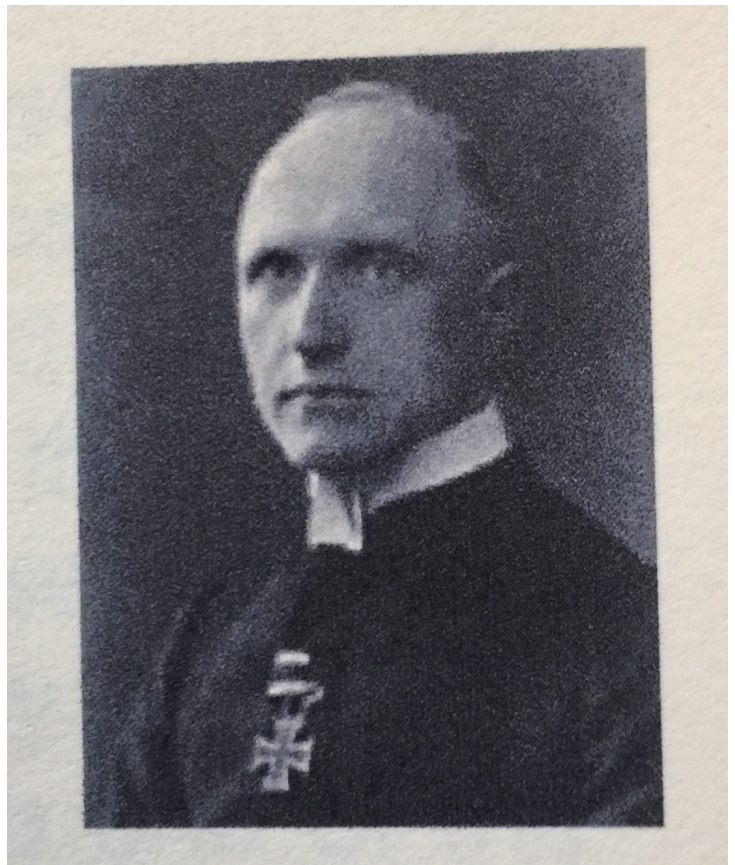


Erich Sack

Pastor, Martyr

Official Day of Remembrance: 24th January
b. April 1887 in Goldap East Prussia
d. January 1943 in Dachau



Erich Sack completed his theological degree in Königsberg East Prussia (now Kaliningrad). His first clerical appointment to the hospice congregation of St Anschar and diocesan house 'Bethlehem' in Hamburg-Eppendorf was followed by a parish post in Lyck East Prussia (now Elk) in 1914. It was through his intervention that the city of Lyck was saved from destruction during the Russian overthrow of that city in World War I and, it was for this that **he was awarded the Iron Cross.**

An appointment in 1924 to the congregation at Schlossberg (now Pillkallen) was followed in 1927 by one to the congregation of Haselberg/ Lahnshöfen (now Krasnosnamenski).

With the onset of the Third Reich in 1934 he took up and maintained open opposition to the state sanctioned 'German Christians' and National Socialism (Nazism). For eight years before his arrest he and his family were under constant surveillance. **He was arrested by the Gestapo and taken to Dachau in September 1942.** The charge against him was 'weakening the resistance of the German people.' Hard labour combined with malnutrition led to his death four months later.

Information sources:

1. Accounts by his widow Martha Sack (nee Kempermann)
2. http://www.heiligenlexikon.de/BiographienE/Erich_Sack.html

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