

VINCENT KRIER

A LUXEMBOURG PRIEST ARRESTED FOR
ORGANISING AN ANTI-GERMAN RALLY



FILM AND CONFERENCE

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7.00 pm

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Vincent Krier, a priest from Luxembourg who had served as parish priest in Hostert for many years, was arrested for delivering an “anti-German” sermon and imprisoned in the SS Special Camp/ Concentration Camp Hinzert. In September 1944, he was transferred to the Sandhofen satellite camp near Mannheim, where he was forced to work at the air base. Fifty years later, he returned to the site.

The documentary by Clemens Hotz and Frank Blau chronicles his memories of daily life in the camp, forced labour, his contacts with the local population, and his successful escape in the spring of 1945.

Before the film, Wolfgang Schmitt-Kölzer, a German historian who has researched, among other things, forced labour and the Shoah, will give an introduction on the persecution of Luxembourgish priests in German-occupied Luxembourg and present a biographical account of Vincent Krier.

After the film (30 minutes), Dean Claude Bache will draw on his personal memories to describe how profoundly the time spent in the concentration camp shaped Vincent Krier as a person and as a priest.

Wolfgang Schmitt-Kölzer and Claude Bache will be available after the screening to answer questions about the film or the general fate of Luxembourgish priests during the war.



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