

## Today's Martyrs – July 1971

Friday July 16, 1971



### Lithuania: Prienai

Fr Juozas Zdebskis (church raided by the authorities during his First Communion class for 300 children who were all questioned and photographed)

[http://www.lkbkronika.lt/en/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=347&Itemid=232](http://www.lkbkronika.lt/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=347&Itemid=232)

Friday July 31, 1971



### Albania

Fr Shtjefen Kurti (aged 72, fled to Romania after the [October 14, 1929](#) murder of Fr Shtjefen Gjecovi, later returned; arrested in [Tirana](#) on [October 28, 1946](#) for writing a letter to the Vatican that described persecution; released from prison in [Burrel](#) on [May 2, 1963](#); arrested in [1967](#) for preventing thugs from desecrating his church; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death for having illegally baptized a baby)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shtjef%C3%ABn\\_Kurti](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shtjef%C3%ABn_Kurti)

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