

Today's Martyrs – April 1973

Monday April 2, 1973



Lithuania: Kaunas

V Grinceviciute (Cathedral choir member, apartment searched on [March 29, 1973](#) without warrant by a KGB officer for a religious liberty petition; searched again on [March 30, 1973](#), religious book seized; **UPDATE**: searched again)

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Thursday April 5, 1973



Lithuania: Girdziai, Jurbarkas district

Janina (secondary school student, daughter of Ms Mockiene, enrolled in the Young Communist League without her parents' permission)

Ms Mockiene (mother of Janina, burned her daughter's Young Communist League membership card and sent a letter to the school protesting her enrollment, when her husband told her she would go to prison for burning the card said "Big deal! I'll sit it out and come home")

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Friday April 6, 1973



Lithuania: Steponiskis

Ms Rudinee (wife of Julius Rudys, mother of Stasys, questioned at her home by officials, turned over a religious liberty petition after threatened with a search, ordered to appear at the district KGB office the next day)

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Saturday April 7, 1973



Lithuania: Panevezys

Ms Rudinee (wife of Julius Rudys, mother of Stasys, questioned at her home in [Steponiskis](#) by officials on [April 6, 2014](#), turned over a religious liberty petition after threatened with a search, ordered to appear at the district KGB office the next day; **UPDATE**: questioned as to the organizers of the petition, threatened with loss of her parental rights)

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Saturday April 14, 1973



Lithuania: Adutiskis, Svencionys district

Feliksas Kairys (spoke to Fr B Laurinavicius with tears in his eyes, said "After working hard for some time, I bought myself a suit, but what's the use? It's been two years now that I've meant to put in on and go to church. Alas, I can't do it because I'm haunted by fear. In the spring, Director Galvydis of the Jakeliai State Farm threatened me, 'If you don't come to work on Sunday, you won't get a horse, neither for harrowing nor for bringing in wood, nor any hay for your cow, nor the use of the combine to thresh your barley'")

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Wednesday April 18, 1973



Lithuania: Taurage

Agota Savickaite (church launderess, threatened with prosecution for dressing girls for church processions, handing out veils and inviting people to church)

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Thursday April 19, 1973



Lithuania: Girdziai, Jurbarkas district

Ms Mockiene (mother of Janina, burned her daughter's Young Communist League membership card on [April 5, 1973](#) and sent a letter to the school protesting her enrollment, when her husband told her she would go to prison for burning the card said "Big deal! I'll sit it out and come home", **UPDATE**: summoned to district headquarters to explain herself, said "I burned the card because they enrolled my daughter in the Young Communist League without my knowledge. Nothing decent comes from those League members. The banks of the Mituva are covered with couples wearing their badges. They are an embarrassment to their parents. I don't want my daughter to grow up into a loose woman. Who robbed the store at Pavidaujys? Who threw up all over the bus passengers while drunk? It's always the students who are members of the Young Communist League. Why don't they put them in the newsletter posted on the bulletin board at school? But when some girl honor students took part in the Easter procession, their caricatures were posted in school", told her daughter would not be allowed to attend higher education)

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Monday April 23, 1973



Lithuania: Sirvintos

T Gurskis (secondary school student, threatened by his teacher after being seen playing the violin during Easter Sunday Mass)

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Tuesday April 24, 1973



Lithuania: Sakiai

Fr Gvidonas Dovydaitis (summoned to the district Executive Committee, berated)

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Wednesday April 25, 1973



Lithuania: Skriaudziai

K Kaririukstiene (summoned to her daughters' school, interrogated about their church attendance, quoted one daughter as saying "Mommy, you're not the only one who says there is a God. The teachers tell us about Him, too. If they're fighting against God, then He must really exist. No one would fight against nothing")

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Lithuania: Sakiai

Fr J Zemaitis (summoned to the district Executive Committee, told to not allow Fr Gvidonas Dovydaitis to travel to other locations to perform his ministry)

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April 1973, date unknown



Lithuania: Druskininkai

Petras Kalinauskas (denied Last Rites in mid-month, wife berated by the hospital chief physician)

Lithuania: Prienai

Fr Juozas Zdebskis (ordered on [January 26, 1973](#) to find work other than ministry, or the police would find it for him; **UPDATE:** assigned to a parish in Kuciunai near the border)

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