

Today's Martyrs – November 1973

Thursday November 1, 1973



Lithuania: Ignalina district

Albina Meskenaite (pharmacy director, ordered to appear at the district executive committee and explain why she had attended the funeral of a priest, reported to the Pharmacy Board)

Dr Vitalija Juzenaite (medical laboratory director, ordered to appear at the district executive committee and explain why she had attended the funeral of a priest, refused to renounce her faith, threatened with loss of her positions at the laboratory and at a sanatorium)

Lithuania: Siauliai

Virga Sileikyte (secondary school student, questioned by security agents on her church attendance, when told that priests misbehave said "I believe in God, not in priests")

Juozas Sileikis (husband of Joana Sileikiene, father of Leonas Sileikis, summoned to security headquarters and questioned on his family's church activities)

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Friday November 2, 1973



Lithuania: Ignalina district

Dr Vitalija Juzenaite (medical laboratory director, **UPDATE**: ordered by her sanatorium supervisor to explain why she had attended the funeral of a priest)

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Thursday November 8, 1973



Lithuania: Anyksciai

Ona Barziuniene (denied a clergy visit while hospitalized)

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Tuesday November 13, 1973



Lithuania: Ignalina district

Albina Meskenaite (pharmacy director, ordered to appear at the district executive committee and explain why she had attended the funeral of a priest, reported to the Pharmacy Board;

UPDATE: dismissed from her position despite the lack of a replacement)

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Monday November 19, 1973



Lithuania

N. Cicenskaite (roommate of T. Maciukiene, residence raided by police who stayed overnight with her, religious manuscripts seized, interrogated)

T. Maciukiene (roommate of N. Cicenskaite, residence raided by police who stayed overnight with her, religious manuscripts seized, interrogated)

Lithuania: Anyksciai

Emilija Bagdoniene (denied a clergy visit while hospitalized)

Lithuania: Kaunas

Janina Lumbiene (residence raided by police, typewriter, poetry, and a petition seized, fainted during the search, interrogated)

Ona Cesnuleviciute (walked into the police activity at the residence of Petras Pliuira, religious literature in her handbag seized)

Petras Pliuira (residence raided by police, religious manuscripts seized, detained and threatened with charges of slandering the Soviet state)

Povilas Petronis (surgical assistant, detained at the home of Vytautas Vaiciunas and Leonora Vaiciuniene)

Vytautas Vaiciunas (husband of Leonora Vaiciuniene, home raided by police, religious and temperance literature seized, interrogated for four days)

Y (home raided by police, homemade printing press and 250 kilograms of type for prayer books seized)

Lithuania: Slienava village, Samylai, Kaunas district

Kazimieras Gudas (home raided by police, 2,500 unbound prayer books and a homemade photocopy machine seized, interrogated and beaten)

Lithuania: Vistytis

Seventh grade students told by their principal and teachers to not sing in church

Aleknavicius girl (said she liked to sing in church and would continue to sing)

Dulckis girl (said she liked to sing in church and would continue to sing)

Uldinskas girl (said she liked to sing in church and would continue to sing)

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Tuesday November 20, 1973



Lithuania: Ezerelis

Parturbavicius (residence raided by police, typewriter and photocopy machine seized; arrested, family interrogated)

Zareckas (residence raided by police)

Lithuania: Kabeliai

Fr J Lauriunas (residence raided by police before dawn, typewriters and religious manuscripts seized)

Lithuania: Kapsukas

Dambrauskas (residence raided by police, nothing found)

Kacergis (residence raided by police, nothing found)

Lithuania: Kaunas

Arimantas Reskevicius (residence raided by police, religious manuscripts seized, detained overnight and interrogated)

Augustinas Jaugelis (residence raided by police)

J Gudelis (apartment raided by police, religious literature seized)

Juozas Turauskas (residence raided by police, religious manuscripts seized, interrogated)

Juozas Urbonas (residence raided by police, religious literature seized, interrogated)

Klementina Misiunaite (residence raided by police, typewriter and religious literature seized)

Leonora Vaiciuniene (wife of Vytautas Vaiciunas, personally searched, detained overnight and interrogated)

Monika Gavenaite (publishing house employee, not found by police, apartment sealed)

N (home raided by police, 1,000 unbound prayer books seized)

Ona Tamulynaite (residence raided by police, nothing found)

Virgilijus Jaugelis (residence raided by police, religious manuscripts seized)

Lithuania: Panevezys

Liuda Razminaite (residence raided by police, religious literature seized)

Ms Nastute (church janitor, residence raided by police, religious literature seized)

Ona Norkute (tenant of Stefa Kriauciunaite, residence raided by police, religious literature seized)

Stefa Kriauciunaite (residence raided by police, religious literature seized, accused of black marketeering)

Lithuania: Pasvalys

Antanas Ratkevicius (residence raided by police, religious literature seized)

Lithuania: Ramygala

Julija Mickeliunaite (church laundress, residence raided by police, religious literature seized)

Lithuania: Salininkai, Vilnius district

Jonas Stasaitis (husband, residence raided by police, religious manuscripts seized, interrogated)

Lithuania: Semeliskes

Juozas Kopustas (residence raided by police, religious literature seized, interrogated)

Lithuania: Siauliai

Fr Jonas Buiauskas (retired priest, residence raided by police, religious manuscripts seized)

Stasys Sipkus (residence raided by police, entire library seized)

Zita Razminiene (residence raided by police before dawn, typewriter and religious literature seized, interrogated)

Lithuania: Smilgiai, Birzai district

Fr Boleslovas Babrauskas (detained on his way to a bus station, church and residence raided by police, religious manuscripts seized)

Lithuania: Valkininkai

Fr A Keina (residence raided by police before dawn, typewriters and religious manuscripts seized, detained and taken to Varena for interrogation)

Lithuania: Vievis

Antanas Jasenas (residence raided by police, bookbinding equipment and religious literature seized)

Lithuania: Vilnius

Fr J Zubrus (**UPDATE**: walked into the police activity at the residence of Vladas Lapienis, searched)

Vladas Lapienis (residence raided by police, typewriters and religious manuscripts seized, interrogated and threatened with arrest)

Zenon Urbon (residence raided by police, printing equipment and religious manuscripts seized, interrogated)

Lithuania: Virsuziglis

Regina Strasinskiene (residence raided by police, typewriter and paper supply seized)

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Wednesday November 21, 1973

**Lithuania: Kaunas**

Marija Vilkute (apartment raided by police, a suitcase full of books seized)

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Monday November 26, 1973



Lithuania: Kaunas

Monika Gavenaite (publishing house employee, not found by police, apartment sealed on November 20, 2014; **UPDATE**: residence searched by police, religious manuscripts seized, interrogated)

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Wednesday November 28, 1973



Lithuania: Siauliai

Juozas Sileikis (husband of Joana Sileikiene, father of Leonas Sileikis and Virginija Sileikyte, summoned to the municipal commission on the employment of minors, questioned on his family's church activities, threatened with loss of his parental rights, fined 30 rubles)

Leonas Sileikis (son of Juozas Sileikis and Joana Sileikiene, summoned to municipal commission on the employment of minors, questioned on his family's church activities, threatened with expulsion from school)

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Lithuania: Veivirzenai

Fr Jankauskas (pressured by the Religious Affairs department to remove a shrine from the rectory yard)

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