

Today's Martyrs – December 1973

Saturday December 1, 1973



Chad: on the road from Bitkine to Mongo, Guera

Br Alfredo Perez Lobato SJ (aged 36, Spanish national, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Chad.htm

Tuesday December 4, 1973



Lithuania: Salininkai, Vilnius district

Jonas Stasaitis (husband, residence raided by police on [November 20, 1973](#), religious manuscripts seized, interrogated; **UPDATE**: did not come home from interrogation)

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Thursday December 6, 1973



Lithuania: Salininkai, Vilnius district

Jonas Stasaitis (husband, residence raided by police on [November 20, 1973](#), religious manuscripts seized, interrogated; did not come home from interrogation on [December 4, 1973](#); **UPDATE**: wife received a letter stating he had been arrested)

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Tuesday December 18, 1973



Lithuania: Siauliai

Juozas Sileikis (husband of Joana Sileikiene, father of Leonas Sileikis and Virginija Sileikyte, wrote a letter in early December 1973 explaining his daughter's actions "My daughter, Virginija Sileikyte, is a believer, and since she does not want to be a hypocrite, she will not join the Young Communist League"; **UPDATE:** approached by an atheist to renounce his faith, refused)

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Wednesday December 19, 1973



Lithuania: Vilnius

A Terleckas (arrested on false charges of theft of state property on [May 24, 1973](#); **UPDATE:** trial begun, actual thieves testified against him)

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Wednesday December 26, 1973



Lithuania: Siauliai

Juozas Sileikis (husband of Joana Sileikiene, father of Leonas Sileikis and Virginija Sileikyte, approached by an atheist to renounce his faith, refused; **UPDATE:** summoned to a conference at school, reproached by a teacher for 'speaking a lot of nonsense' at previous meetings, later that night was visited by an attorney and a judge who questioned him on his family's faith, said "Gather all the hooligans in the school, enroll them into the Young Communist League, and re-educate them into being decent people - then I will be able to entrust you with the training of my children")

Lithuania: Vilnius

A Terleckas (arrested on false charges of theft of state property on [May 24, 1973](#); trial begun, actual thieves testified against him; **UPDATE**: sentenced to one year's imprisonment at hard labor, told it would have been longer had he not been in poor health, his wife not critically ill, and his three children still young)

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Saturday December 29, 1973



China: Wuding

Wang Zhiming (aged 66, arrested in [1969](#) along with his wife and sons; **UPDATE**: **executed** in a stadium in front of more than 10,000 people, many Christians rushed the stand to berate the officials)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wang_Zhiming_\(Christian\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wang_Zhiming_(Christian))

December 1973, date unknown



Lithuania: Siauliai

Virginija Sileikyte (daughter of Juozas Sileikis and Joana Sileikiene, pressured early in the month by school officials to join the Young Communist League)

Lithuania: Vilnius

Fr Prokofjevas (residence raided by police, religious manuscripts seized, interrogated, threatened with prison)

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