

Today's Martyrs – July 1974

Thursday July 4, 1974



Lithuania: Kaunas

Juozas Grazis (apartment searched by police on [April 24, 1974](#), taken to a house undergoing renovations which was then searched, religious books and a photocopier found, arrested; **UPDATE**: apartment searched again)

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Friday July 5, 1974



Lithuania: Kaunas

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July 1974, date unknown



Lithuania: Surviliskis, Kedainiai district

Fr Vytautas Uzkuraitis (summoned to the district executive committee and interrogated as to why he disobeyed orders and travelled to neighboring parishes to preach, "Religious festivals, devotions, and the administration of sacraments belong not to your competency, but to that of bishops and priests. By what right do you interfere in the internal life of the Church, the domain of Canon Law, and prevent priests and faithful from fulfilling their religious duties? By such conduct you — not we — transgress the Constitution of the

USSR and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. You officials of the Soviet administration become tools of the atheists and serve not all the citizens, but just a small group. I am deeply convinced that you, Mr Vice Chairman, have no juridical or moral right to order priests, "You go to the festival and preach, and you stay home", threatened with repercussions for his speech)

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