

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – September 1970

Monday September 7, 1970



Lithuania: Moletai

Fr Antanas Seskevicius (trial begun on a charge of catechizing children)

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Tuesday September 8, 1970



Lithuania: Moletai

Fr Antanas Seskevicius (**UPDATE**: trial concluded on a charge of catechizing children, state witnesses all retracted their testimony, prohibited from introducing any defense witnesses, convicted, sentenced to one year at hard labor)

Nijole Sadunaite (aged 32, factory worker, sister of Jonas Aloyzas Sadunas, detained without charge during the trial of Fr Antanas Seskevicius for having paid for his legal counsel, interrogated, released at midnight)

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Monday September 14, 1970



Lithuania: Vilkaviskis

Ona Brieliene (teacher with 21 years' experience, wife of Jurgis Briilius, family photographs of her children's First Communion obtained by the school administration in [October 1969](#), harassing inspections of her classroom begun; voted at a [May 1970](#) faculty meeting to be unfit to be a teacher for her religious views, publicly defended her faith, abstaining teachers were berated by the principal; the local teacher's union voted in [June 1970](#) to dismiss her; **UPDATE:** dismissed by the Education Committee)

Lithuania: Meskuiciai

Fr Algirdas Mocius (carried a wooden cross 65 kilometers with bare and bleeding feet to the Hill of Crosses, where the government had destroyed a display of crosses nine years earlier)

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Monday September 28, 1970

**Lithuania: Varena**

Fr Algimantas Keina (convicted of violating religious regulations by allowing two minors to serve as altar servers and by stating that a Mass would be offered for the intentions of the children, fined 50 rubles)

Lithuania: Vilkaviskis

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