Today's Martyrs

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Events – June 1973

Monday June 13, 1973



Argentina: Anillaco

Bishop Enrique A Angelelli Carletti (church service disrupted by merchants and landowners, pelted with stones when he left)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enrique_Angelelli

Wednesday June 15, 1973



Lithuania: Silale

Ms Eidukaite (aged 86, interrogated by officials for teaching catechism to sixteen children, threatened with imprisonment, replied "It's shameful to go to prison for a sinful act, but for teaching the 'Our Father' - I am not afraid!", children and parents also interrogated)

http://www.lkbkronika.lt/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=353&Itemid=238

Tuesday June 21, 1973



Thailand: U Tapao Air Base

Captain Donald E Dawson (aged 26, U.S. citizen, B-52 co-pilot, refused an order to fly a bombing mission over Cambodia after he had learned a previous mission had killed all participants of a wedding, filed the next day for discharge and conscientious objector status, later sent back to the U.S. for court martial)

https://www.nytimes.com/1973/07/17/archives/an-accused-pilot-being-sent-to-us-b52-pilot-refused-order-to-bomb.html

Wednesday June 27, 1973



Lithuania: Mieziskiai

Fr Masiokas (died, state farm employees ordered to not attend his funeral, the order was ignored) http://www.lkbkronika.lt/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=353&Itemid=238

Thursday June 28, 1973



Lithuania: Rudiskes

Fr Konstantinas Molis (observed by government agents to catechize fifty children on May 27, 1973; **UPDATE**: fined 30 rubles)

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Friday June 29, 1973



Lithuania: Daunriai, Utena district

Fr A Liesis (convicted of teaching catechism to children, fined 50 rubles)

Lithuania: Pabaiskas, Ukmerge district

Fr V Ramanauskas (questioned by the district committee for having allowed volunteers to clean the church)

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