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Biography of Father Wincenty Dejnisi

Description

Born into a lower middle class family on January 18, 1880, in Riga. Graduated from St. Petersburg Seminary and was ordained March 1, 1903.

From May 1903 he was vicar of a parish in Dvinsk; from November 1905, pastor of a parish in Kopatkovichi, outside Minsk; from May through

December 1908, in Yamburg. In December 1908 he was banished by tsarist authorities to Aglona Monastery. From April 1911 he was pastor of the

parish in Yuriyev; from October 1912, in Gross-Veder (Latgalia); in June 1923 he was sent to the parish in Yamburg; from July 1923 he was

pastor of Holy Trinity parish in Pskov; from January 1926, at Immaculate Conception parish in Leningrad, where he was arrested on

February 5, 1928. Charged with "teaching religious doctrine to young, under-age children, leading an illegal monastery and

collecting funds for aiding convicted priests." August 13, 1928 – sentenced to seven years in corrective labor camp. Sent

to Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp, where he arrived August 25, 1928. In 1931 he was transferred to Anzer Island where, on July 5, 1932, he

was arrested in a case against Catholic clergy who were charged with "creating an anti-Soviet group that was carrying out anti-Soviet agitation,

secretly celebrating liturgy and religious rituals and had established illegal contact with a free person for transmitting abroad information of

an espionage nature about the situation of Catholics in the USSR." The investigators recommended that he be charged under Article 58-10 and his

file transferred to the Secret Department of the OGPU, Leningrad Military District. He stated during his interrogation, "I am ready to give my

life for my Catholic convictions." July 22, 1932 – transported to Leningrad Prison as "one of the leaders who had very boldly and daringly led

the group of priests." May 27, 1933 – sentenced to one year in a penalty solitary confinement block [Special Troika, OGPU Collegium].

Sent to Ladeinos Pole Station camp point on the Kirov Railroad. September 26, transported to Moscow and interned in Butyrka Prison.

In October he was released and went to Lithuania as part of a prisoner exchange; November 29 the Polish Red Cross received a postcard

from him from Kaunas, in which he wrote of his wish to provide material assistance to convicted priests. From 1934 he served at a parish

in Tallin. In June 1934 he visited Vilnius where on June 22 he gave an interview to a correspondent from Warsaw in which he described in

detail his life in the USSR. He continued to serve in his parish during the Soviet and German occupations. In 1944, with the approach of

Soviet troops, he left for Germany. In 1952 he moved to the United States, where he died (exact date and place of death unknown). Sources

Archive of the Directorate, FSB for St. Petersburg and Leningrad oblast;

GARF, f. 8406, op. 2, d. 1438; Dzwonkowski, pp. 208-209; Nowicki, p. 7; Osipova (1996), p. 164; Shkarovskii, pp. 218-219;

Investigatory Matter 590614, Central Archive, FSB, Russian Federation; Madała, pp. 45-46 [Father Wincenty Dejnys died in Chicago c. 1961.

This information as well as the photograph of Father Wincenty Dejnys (Tallinn, 1936) was provided to the University of Notre Dame Libraries

by one of his descendants in July 2014]. More information at www.kresy-siberia.orgwon

Variant Names

Dejnys, Wincenty; Deinis, Vikentii Vikent'evich

Dates

1880-1952

Locations

Ri?ga (Latvia); Daugavpils (Latvia); Minsk (Belarus); Kingisepp (Russia); Aglona (Latvia); Velikii? Novgorod (Russia); Latvia; Pskov (Russia); Saint Petersburg (Russia); Anzerski Island (Russia); Moscow (Russia); Lithuania; Kaunas (Lithuania); Tallinn (Estonia); Vilnius (Lithuania); Germany; United States

Subjects

male; clergy and religious; survived

Biography of Elena Bmovas

Description:

Born into a peasant family in 1907 in Ponevezh district, Kovno province. In 1925 she moved

from Lithuania to the USSR. She lived in Leningrad, worked in a factory, belonged to the Church of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, and actively assisted the pastor, Fr. Wincenty Dejnys. In April 1932 she was arrested in connection with the case against Fr. Augustine Proncketis and others. June 19, 1932 – sentenced to three years' exile in Kazakhstan [OGPU Collegium]. Fate thereafter unknown. Source: Shkarovskii, p. 252

Variant Names:

Bmovas, Elena Aleksandrovna; Bmovas, Elena

Dates:

1907-1932

Locations:

Kaunas (Lithuania); Saint Petersburg (Russia)

Subjects:

female; laity; fate unknown

Russia: Ladeinos Pole Station camp

Fr Wincenty Dejnys (aged 53, arrested in Leningrad on February 5, 1928 on charges of 'teaching religious doctrine to young, under-age children, leading an illegal monastery and collecting funds for aiding convicted priests'; sentenced on August 13, 1928 to 7 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; arrested on Anzer Island on July 5, 1932 on anti-Soviet charges, said "I am ready to give my life for my Catholic convictions"; sentenced in Leningrad to one year solitary confinement on May 27, 1933; UPDATE: transported to Butyrka Prison, Moscow)

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