



Lithuanian  
Church  
Chronicle  
Foundation

# Annual Report for 2021



Lithuanian Church Chronicle Foundation



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Dear Friends of the Foundation,

This is the first formal annual report by the Lithuanian Church Chronicle Foundation. It is a sign of the Foundation's steadily growing capacity to contribute to the work of Evangelization in its area of focus – Catholic means of communication and communicators.

Indeed, 2021 was a year of capacity-building and preparations for what is sure to be an exciting 2022, which the Seimas of Lithuania has declared to be the Year of the Chronicle of the Catholic Church.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you who support the work of the Church Chronicle Foundation – financially, as partners and collaborators, and by volunteering time and talents in various ways.

As we walk the Synodal Path in the universal Church, you are giving an example of personal engagement and effort to serve all our sisters and brothers in the Faith and in society.

Mons Algirdas Jurevičius, Bishop of Telšiai  
Chairman of the Board of  
the Lithuanian Church Chronicle Foundation

A handwritten signature in blue ink, starting with a cross symbol and ending with a long, sweeping flourish.





# Mission



The Lithuanian Church Chronicle Foundation works with the Christian media and individual content producers to promote social and spiritual change and encourage critical thinking in society so that as many people as possible might seek true freedom, fullness of life and growth in faith.

## In pursuit of this mission, the Foundation:

- supports Lithuanian Catholic media initiatives that contribute to the Catholic Church's mission, helping them to increase their quality, effectiveness and sustainability;
- organizes projects for the training and formation of Catholic communication professionals so they can continually improve their communication activities;
- encourages collaboration between Lithuania's different Catholic media organizations as a way for them to operate more effectively and have greater impact;
- initiates and supports projects of importance to the Church and society;
- works to obtain the financial and human resources needed to achieve the foundation's objectives.

In these ways the Lithuanian Church Chronicle Foundation continues the mission of the Soviet-era underground publication The Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, promoting the telling of the truth about the human person and society, in the light of the faith, making use of the means of communication.



# Activities and Impact

## Lithuanian Catholic media expansion programme

The Foundation began this programme with funding from Renovabis in 2018-2020 to help four initial Catholic media partners enlarge their audiences and reach financial and organisational sustainability. In 2021, we followed up with the partners on the changes that have begun while planning a possible second phase and preparing new funding applications.

### Supporting partners:



The solidarity initiative of German Catholics with people in Central and Eastern Europe



The Catholic Media Council: Expert consulting for faith-based media and communication projects all over the world



A local partner providing high-level management consulting, with expertise in the development of NGOs

### Lithuanian Catholic media partners in phase I:



Online portal offering a hope-filled Christian vision of today's world



Monthly magazine for young adults animated by the Ateitininkai



Monthly magazine for families



Magazine for children ages 7-12



# Activities and Impact

## Preparing for the “Year of the Chronicle” in 2022

At the Foundation’s initiative, the parliament of Lithuania declared 2022 a year of national importance to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first issue of the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania. During 2021, the Foundation’s director coordinated and prepared a long list of initiatives and events for 2022, working with many state institutions to prepare a year that will truly contribute to the Foundation’s mission and core messages while at the same time raising its visibility and attracting new friends and partners.

Travel with Cardinal Sigitas Tamkevičius SJ, the creator and editor of the Chronicle, offered a chance to document and film key places related to the clandestine periodical’s history.

The Foundation worked with Ateities Leidybos Centras on a project to publish the Cardinal’s diary.

The Foundation also obtained funding from Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid (LCRA) for the publication by VŠĮ leidykla Caritas of an attractively illustrated children’s book telling the Chronicle’s exciting story – for the first time making that important chapter of Lithuania’s history accessible to today’s young generation.

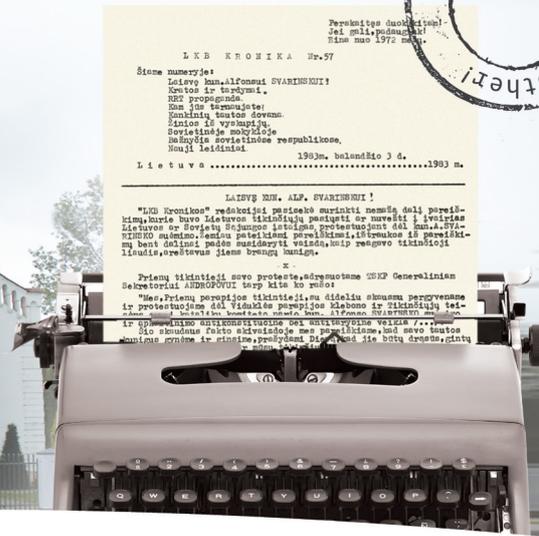


In December, Archbishop Gintaras Grušas was the main celebrant of a Solemn Mass to inaugurate the Year of the Chronicle, at the Trinapolis retreat centre in Vilnius, in the presence of a representative of the country’s Prime Minister.





# The Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania



Some highlights planned in for the Year of the Chronicle in 2022 include:

- awarding of the annual national Freedom Prize to three collaborators of the Chronicle.
- an Evening and Concert of Gratitude on 19 March 2022 under the patronage of the President of Lithuania, organized jointly by the Foundation with the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Defence.
- and many more initiatives!





# Activities and Impact

## Building Community and Capacity

### Promoting effective relationships:

- Planning and coordination of joint participation by Catholic publishers and other media organizations in the Vilnius Book Fair 2021, which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.
- Ongoing discussions with Catholic media organizations about possible new projects under the umbrella of the Foundation with a wider range of partners and encouragement of direct collaboration among them in content, logistics, etc.
- Networking event in December for Catholic media organizations, Lithuanian bishops, and Lithuanian government officials involved in cultural policy.



### Professionalization of the Foundation:

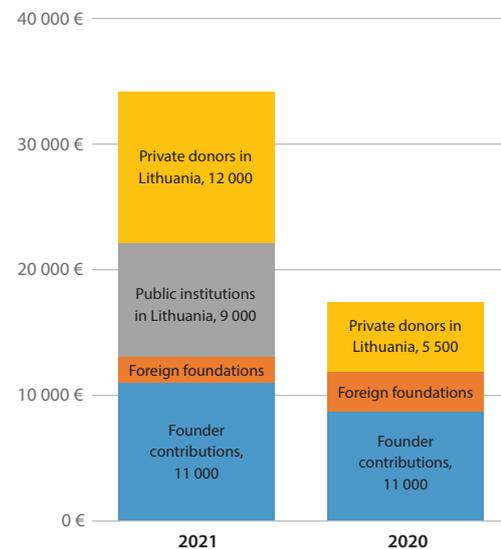
- Consulting with CRC management consultant Donatas Ramonas regarding goals/plans for further developing the Foundation.
- Start of work on creating a professional fundraising plan and empowering board members to seek new private donors. Income from private donors in Lithuania more than doubled in 2021 compared to 2020.
- Approved formal processes and forms for grant requests and approvals.
- Ongoing work to update the Foundation's website and visual identity.
- Board meetings at least monthly + creation of ad hoc working groups.



# Financial report

## Income growth and type

<b>INCOME (Eur)</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Founder contributions	11 000	8 800
Foreign foundations	2 136	3 140
Public institutions in Lithuania	9 000	0
Private donors in Lithuania	12 000	5 500
Other income	11	0
<b>Total income</b>	<b>34 147</b>	<b>17 440</b>
<b>EXPENSES (Eur)</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Fund staff and administrative	14 149	13 624
Cath. media expansion programme	4 000	7 119
Networking community-building	607	0
Year-of-the-Chronicle preparation	10 404	0
Other expenses	0	0
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>29 960</b>	<b>20 743</b>



Fund staff in 2021 consisted of a full-time director/head of administration and a part-time bookkeeper.

## Financial and non-financial\* supporters in 2021:

We express deep gratitude to the following organizations and individuals for their generous and sincere donations and other important help to support the mission of the Lithuanian Church Chronicle Foundation:

- Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania
- UAB „Kauno Šilas“
- UAB „Skirgesa“
- UAB „Topcolor“ / Marius Bružas\*
- Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid (LCRA)
- Mons. Algirdas Jurevičius, Bishop of Telšiai
- Renovabis\*
- CAMECO (The Catholic Media Council) / Andrea Sofie Jannusch\*
- CRC Consulting / Donatas Ramonas\*
- UAB „Vitae Litera“ (TUKa)\*

\* These supporters provided the Foundation with important consulting/advisory and other professional services on a pro bono basis and/or gave financial support directly to our Catholic media partners.





## Governance

The Church Chronicle Foundation is a non-profit organization registered in the Republic of Lithuania and controlled by its Board of Founders, which includes:

The Archdiocese of Vilnius

The Archdiocese of Kaunas

Cardinal Sigitas Tamkevičius SJ

Founders have rights similar to those of the shareholders of a company. Each has an equal vote. The Board of Founders, among other things, appoints the Board of Directors and approves the annual budget, annual financial statements and activity plans.

The Board of Directors currently comprises:

Mons. Algirdas Jurkevičius, Bishop of Telšiai (Chairman)

Gediminas Žukas, former editor of *Bažnyčios Žinios*, Chairman of UAB Kauno Šilas

Živilė Pelurietienė, Head of Communications at Vilnius Archdiocese

Vygantas Malinauskas, Lawyer, former Chairman of the Ateitininkai Federation

Bryan P. Bradley, Director of Textus Aptus Communications

Tadas Šarapovas, Professor at ISM University of Management and Economics

Ieva Urbonaitė, Communication Professional at 15min.lt

The Board of Directors is responsible for guiding the work of the Foundation and its Director. Members are elected for a term of 2 years and may be reelected.

Diana Adomaitienė has been the Director of the Foundation since June 2020.

## Looking ahead

The “Year of the Church Chronicle” in 2022 will bring due recognition to the brave protagonists of that important historical initiative. It will also bring greater visibility along with new friends and partners for our Foundation, which seeks to continue the legacy of the Chronicle.

In that context, our focus for the near term will be (1) to build a base of financial and other resources within the Foundation to enable it to sustainably carry out its mission over the coming years, and at the same time (2) to work directly with Catholic media and communicators to help them serve the Church and society ever more effectively.

Thank you for being part of our journey!

Director

*Diana Adomaitienė*  
*Dir.*





## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

To make a donation or discuss other ways you can support our work of evangelization through the means of communication, contact us today!



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