

## NEWS &amp; ACTIVITIES AROUND THE WORLD

Here is a splendid opportunity to help carry the light of the Holy Shroud into lands where Christianity early dawned. At my suggestion and with the approval of his Superior, Father Milad Zakhary has sent the following notice:

I am an Egyptian pharmacist who, by the grace of Our Lord, became a missionary priest. In the last three years, I have given 30 lectures on the Holy Shroud in Egypt and Lebanon. This experience convinced me of the necessity for a small information center about the Shroud, for conferences, missions, retreats, catechisms etc.

To get started, a minimum of materials would be needed: pictures, films, slides, projector and screen, cassettes, books, journals entirely or partially devoted to sindonic literature, etc. These items are not available in the Orient.

Moreover, the mail is not reliable in the Orient. This is why I would take advantage of my stay in Belgium to collect material. I write this notice for readers of *Shroud Spectrum*, as well as for concerned centers and organisations. I would be very grateful for any of the above-mentioned items sent to the following addresses:

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Father Zakhary had a genial idea to help me in my work; surprised that I have to address *Spectrum* envelopes by hand, he sent a generous supply of adhesive labels already addressed to himself. Any reader who would like to follow his example by sending self-addressed labels suitable for *Spectrum* mailings is certainly welcome to do so!

In another part of the world, a new group is already on its way: The Holy Shroud of Turin Society of West Australia was formed in February 1986 and already counts 100 members. Their first big project was the Brooks Institute Photographic Exhibit, brought to Perth by Rex Morgan. Four Newsletters have already appeared and a resource library is in progress. It is a vigorous group and

growing fast; we wish them every success in spreading the message of the Shroud. The address: The Secretariat, The Holy Shroud of Turin Society of West Australia, Mardon House, 35 Archer Street, Carlisle 6101, W. Australia.

Great news from Sister Damian of the Cross. This month of March finds her in Israel on two projects. First, at the invitation of Dr. John Peterson of St. George's College in Jerusalem, she will investigate a First Century house with an adjoining rolling-stone tomb in Nazareth. Second, a phone call from Rome informed her that she had been chosen as Chief Archaeologist in charge of extensive work at the first monastic ruins of the Carmelite Order, in Mt. Carmel, Israel. Sister Damian has specialized in rolling-stone tombs; readers will remember her article on this subject in *Spectrum* #17, December 1985.

Another cause for joy and thanksgiving; Father Philip Rinaldi, S.D.B., has been declared Venerable by the Holy See, and will be raised to the altars by Pope John Paul II in September 1988. As Ven. Philip died in December 1931, this is record time for a declaration of sainthood. A beautiful and deeply inspiring biography: *By Love Compelled; The Life of Father Philip Rinaldi, Third Successor of St. John Bosco* (Salesian Publishers, New Rochelle, NY) was written by the grand-nephew of the saint-to-be, none other than Father Peter Rinaldi.