

To the Editors:

A new publication is coming into existence; still unknown, it presents itself to the scrutiny of readers for their judgment. And the readers of a new publication must be left free in their judgment, prompted solely by what that publication offers them.

The International Center of Sindonology in Turin branches to hundreds of cities and nations, with their groups and single individuals intent on the study of the Shroud; eager to learn whatever science and devotion can tell them concerning this inexhaustible and fascinating Shroud.

As secretary of the International Center, I send these few words to SHROUD SPECTRUM INTERNATIONAL to welcome its inclusion in sindonological literature.

It is hardly necessary to say that the International Center of Turin wants to cooperate as actively as possible with the editors of the new journal. So also do our scholars, who have already declared themselves disposed to offer scientific collaboration.

In fact, we consider it of no small benefit that also in the United States—and in general in English-speaking countries, where numerous Shroud associations are already active—another voice should arise. Every organization has its own characteristic and the multiplicity of voices is favorable to a more complete and open presentation of the subject.

It is well that science, with its resources, comes to throw its light upon the Shroud: it is our hope that the sensitivity of the human mind will, in addition, receive that light which emanates from the Shroud itself. In this way, research is not merely an intellectual game but a means to perfect and ennoble man, rendering him a valid witness of a society capable of understanding the value of others—and the supernal significance of an apparent failure.

And this is the wish we extend to all those who receive this new voice now arising in Indiana.

(signed)

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