## Sign From God Announcement for Shroud.com May 16, 2018

## Announcing Sign From God, a New Shroud Advocacy Organization



The Sign From God Foundation Inc. and its site, <u>SignFromGod.org</u> is a new 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization promoting the Shroud of Turin.

The Shroud of Turin, believed by millions to be the actual burial cloth that wrapped Jesus in the tomb, is either the greatest hoax ever perpetrated, or it is a deliberate and purposeful sign from God.

The mission of "Sign from God" is embodied in its name. If the Shroud is authentic, it exists as a "sign from God" to help people come to faith in Jesus Christ.

The Shroud fulfills the New Testament definition of a sign's purpose, which is to inform, warn and convey pertinent information before proceeding, or an indication that action will soon follow.

For example, when Jesus turned water into wine, his first recorded miracle, the following passage described what happened:

"This, the first of his miraculous **signs**, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory; and his disciples put their faith in him." (John 2:11) NIV

Furthermore, near the end of John's gospel he writes:

"Jesus did many other miraculous many other **signs**...But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:30-31)

The Scripture is clear, the purpose of a sign was to reveal God's glory and to help people come to faith. We believe that the Shroud is such a sign — glorifying God by offering proof of Christ's resurrection but underutilized as a vital tool of evangelization in a culture growing increasingly secular.

Sign From God has four goals:

- 1. Educate people about Shroud of Turin facts and its enduring mysteries through hosting events and capitalizing on media opportunities.
- 2. Familiarize people with what Jesus says about signs in the New Testament that explain WHY the Shroud has survived as proof of Christ's resurrection up to this age of non-belief.
- 3. Launch digital media and traditional ad campaigns that will pique interest in the Shroud, especially to a new generation.
- 4. Encourage the Vatican to authorize comprehensive 21<sup>st</sup>-century state-of-the-art-testing of the Shroud, last conducted by <u>STURP</u> in 1978.

The Sign From God's four board members includes two internationally known Shroud experts, **Russ Breault** from <u>Shroud Encounter</u> and **Mark Antonacci** of <u>Test the Shroud Foundation</u>. Shroud writer **Myra Adams** serves as <u>Executive Director</u> and **David Adams**, a long-time Shroud advocate, has discussed the Shroud on Catholic radio.

Sign From God has formed what will grow to become a large active Advisory Board.

The initial members are:

**Chuck Neff**, Executive Producer of the Salt River Production Group and producer of the Shroud documentary *The Holy Winding Sheet*.

David Onysko, Shroud researcher, lecturer and purveyor of Man in the Shroud.org

**Justin Echevarria**, a twenty-something Shroud enthusiast, and contributor who approached Sign from God because he cares deeply about introducing the Shroud to the Millennial generation.

Shroud.com readers are encouraged to learn more about the mission of <a href="mailto:SignFromGod.org">SignFromGod.org</a>. Contact Myra Adams at <a href="mailto:Myra@SignFromGod.org">Myra@SignFromGod.org</a> with questions or for more information.

Finally, the Sign From God board would like to thank Barrie Schwortz for authorizing the use of Shroud images on our website.