

Dear Mr Morgan

Congratulations on the publishing milestone of the Issue No 100 of *Shroud News*. The continuing publication is entering interesting times. Private mystical prophecy, e.g. St John Bosco (died 1888) and Don Stefano Gobbi (To the Priests Our Lady's beloved sons) point to the triumph of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary before the year 2000.

Links between the Holy Shroud of Turin and the Blessed Eucharist as defined by Catholic Doctrine were discussed in *Shroud News* No 83 (June 1994), p 12. The Blessed Eucharist of Lanciano remains available for continued collaboration between the Church and science with the possibility of throwing more light on the understanding of the Holy Shroud of Turin. Grace (the life of God) builds on nature (St Augustine). The mind of Pope John Paul II in the spirit of St Paul: "But we have the mind of Christ" (I Corinthians 2:16), is revealed both in the permission for the Holy Shroud to be exhibited in Turin in 1998 and 2000 (*Shroud News* No 90) and the following words from his Apostolic Letter (10 November 1994): "The Third Millennium", no 55

"But since Christ is the only way to the Father, in order to highlight his living and saving presence in the Church and the world, the International Eucharistic Congress will take place in Rome, on the occasion of the Great Jubilee. The Year 2000 will be intensely Eucharistic: in the Sacrament of the Eucharist the Saviour, who took flesh in Mary's womb twenty centuries ago, continues to offer himself to humanity as the source of divine life." The Holy Shroud of Turin is a complementary sign of this divine life.

(Dr) VAUGHAN DAVIS, Maroubra, Australia

At the 100th Anniversary of '*Shroud News*' It is almost unbelievable to see the '*Shroud News*' reaching 100. The merit of the enterprise rests on the uncompromising faith in the authenticity of the Shroud, especially in the period when Carbon dating caused scepticism. Only the unique determination and tenacity of Rex Morgan have succeeded to keep the cause at a high level of attention and appreciation. It is not surprising then that these have produced a continuous stream of quality contributions which make the '*Shroud News*' to be compulsive reading.

SYLVIA and AURIEL BOGDANESCU, London

Dear Mr Morgan,

It is now about 17 years since I had the pleasure to meet you for the first time. I remember your visit to the Textile Laboratory of the University of Ghent and I remember also the most interesting conversation we had about the Holy Shroud of Turin. Shortly after your visit to Ghent you started *Shroud News* and since that time I am always expecting with pleasure the next number of *Shroud News*. Dear Mr Morgan I must sincerely congratulate you for the 100th issue of *Shroud News*. In my opinion your publication became very soon the most interesting and the best informed Shroud journal. When your 100th issue will be published I will have reached the venerable age of 83 years. But still I remain much interested in all recent developments of the Shroud question and I must acknowledge that the contribution of *Shroud News* is a very important one.

I know that you are a great traveler and if one of your trips passes near to Belgium I should be very happy to have you visit Ghent again.

With my most sincere congratulations and with my best wishes further success.

Emeritus Professor GILBERT RAES, Belgium

Dear Rex,

I want to join what I know will be unnumbered other readers of *Shroud News* in congratulating you in anticipation of your Issue No 100.

Over these years you have proved to be a rigorous researcher, a courageous editor, most generous in your friendships, and honest in your allotment of space to your and the Shroud's vocal opposition.

Most recently your friends saw yet another side of your effort to discover the truth about the Shroud when you led The Orpheus Expedition into Rome's proto-Christian catacombs in research of a very special portrait of Jesus. You and your son's detailed report made available information that could assist other scholars in assessing the period of usage of the Domitilla Catacomb as well as providing evidence about that extremely early image of Jesus which may aid in determining the authenticity of the Shroud.

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on your many fine achievements and especially on attaining this wonderful 100th milestone with a journal that may well be the best reflection of Shroud studies over the last quarter-century.

DANIEL C. SCAVONE, Professor of History, Indiana, USA

Dear Rex,

A truly great event in the history of *Shroud News* is almost here, ISSUE NUMBER 100!

I wish to congratulate you from all my heart.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you most profoundly for all you do for the Shroud and for all of us. You do it valiantly, tirelessly, faithfully, with nobility and friendship, but with impartiality, extending a "golden" service to all.

You provide a forum for scientists and scholars who wish to discuss their new finds with others, enriching the treasure-house of knowledge about the Shroud. *Shroud News* also is a vehicle which carries these new finds to all those around the world who are interested, thus keeping all of us together, creating a belonging.

My friend, we know how much work all this represents for you. In a sense it is lonely work. But believe me, we all deeply appreciate it, we are deeply grateful. God bless you.

You must be very proud that you have created a real Shroud Library, something which will be preserved, something which future generations will have a chance to turn to. You will remain their educator until Shroud researchers can remember.

You have influenced history, your life matters to so many. May you continue your work for many, many more years to come with the help of the One who gave us the Shroud in the first place, the One who gave us all to each other. Gratefully,

ISABEL H. PICZEK, Los Angeles, USA

Dear Rex

To celebrate 100 numbers of *Shroud News* is a very special occasion. *Shroud News* may be considered one of the finest papers because, through the years, among the contributing authors are some of the best of the contemporary sindonologists.

I remember how proud I felt when my first article on the Shroud, I believe in 1983, was edited and published by Rex Morgan.

Rex was also the first to publish my critical analysis on the C14 dating of the Shroud at a time when one needed courage to stand up against the C14 lobby and when many scientists refused to make a stand because they were afraid to lose their reputations.

Since that time Rex became one of my dearest Shroud friends. I have good memories of our meetings. When in Belgium we went to see the Shroud copy in Lier. We also went to see the silk Shroud representation kept in St Trudien, the headquarters of the Belgian Shroud Guild in Brugge. It took a lot of perseverance, time and effort to reach this milestone 100". Wishing you the best for the cause of the Holy Shroud because *Shroud News* has always been an indefatigable herald. I hope sincerely to receive many more issues of *Shroud News*.

REMI VAN HAELST, Antwerp, Belgium

Under separate cover I am sending you an interesting book I recently acquired. It is by Thomas W. Case, *The Shroud of Turin and the C-14 Dating Fiasco*. Cincinnati: White Horse Press, 1996, 103 pp. The book consists of a 46 page introduction to the Shroud of Turin with the remainder dedicated to an interview between author Case and Drs. J. H. Heller and A. D. Adler and closing remarks by the author. I believe it is the last published interview given by Dr. Heller before his recent death. The ASSIST Office of General Projects Director has worked out an arrangement with White Horse Press to distribute the book worldwide. If any readers of *Shroud News* are interested they may obtain a copy by writing to the following address: Paul C. Maloney, Office of Gen. Proj. Dir., ASSIST Investigations Group, P. O. Box 334, Quakertown PA, 18951, U. S. A. The cost is \$9.95 plus 3.50 for air shipping and handling.