

Dear Mrs. Crispino:

Your proposal for an American sindonological publication brought great joy to my heart. The announcement of the publication of the first issue of SHROUD SPECTRUM INTERNATIONAL is the realization of one of my dreams.

Ever since the foundation of the Holy Shroud Guild in 1951 I have felt the need for some vehicle of communication with our members. Both our BULLETIN and our NEWSLETTER were feeble attempts. Unfortunately SINDON never attained the circulation in America that it deserved, perhaps because most of the articles were written in Italian, French, Spanish or German.

Now with the increased interest in America in the Holy Shroud I hope that SHROUD SPECTRUM INTERNATIONAL will bring to Americans the results of current sindonological studies. The research of American scholars will be more readily available internationally and by exchange with SINDON the research of European scholars will be available to Americans. I am sure that you will receive the wholehearted cooperation of the editor of SINDON, the indefatigable Don P. Coero Borga.

My very best wishes!

Sincerely,

(signed)

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President