

## NEWS &amp; ACTIVITIES AROUND THE WORLD

If you happen to be driving along West Hartford Avenue in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, do not pass this sign but take a few minutes to stop and talk to Mr. Joseph Lemelin, who made the sign and installed it on his front lawn. Joe Lemelin is a professional nurse, well-acquainted with the sufferings of the sick and the injured brought to the hospital where he works. In this environment, the medical descriptions of Barbet, Rodante and other doctors are charts to the vivid reality of the human sorrows of Jesus so graphically documented on the Shroud. From David (*I believed, therefore I will speak*) to St. Paul (II Cor. 4:13) to the exultant inscription flying across a Renaissance *palazzo* in Rome (*ARDEO NAM CREDO*), it is axiomatic that he who truly believes, acts. Joe Lemelin has found a unique and, we hope, fruitful way to put his belief into action.



In *Spectrum* #9, pg. 29, we mentioned the Canadian group, *Les Compagnons de Jésus et Marie*, giving the Montreal address. This organization offers Shroud material in French. The same material: booklets, leaflets, devotional cards and the very popular, large-format, 51-page book, *Jesus Crucified and Risen, Salvation of the World*, can be obtained in English at:

Companions of Jesus and Mary  
P.O. Box 84  
Opelousas, LA 70570

These items are free on request, but a contribution to the mission is gratefully accepted.

The Centre **Canadien de Sindonologie** (provisionally named "Centre Lavallois de Sindonologie," see *Spectrum* #10, pg. 43) received its charter of incorporation in the Province of Quebec on 9 April 1984. On June 3, the first Foundation Reunion of this non-profit association was held at St. Norbert's church. After Mass, the following officers were elected:

President: Raymond Beaugrand-Champagne (Radio-Canada);  
 Vice-president: Gabriel Bourque (Canadien Pacifique);  
 Secretary: Luc Trepanier (member of Quebec's Corporation of Professional Librarians).  
 Regional Directors are: Rev. Lucien-M. Trudel, S.D.B.; Rev. Abbot Maurice Cadoret; Denise Robitaille.

The objectives are primarily study of the Shroud, diffusion of information and devotion. To meet the objectives, study meetings will be held; a library of Shroud material has been collected and a bibliography of all publications since 1898 has been prepared so that books not in the Center's collection can be obtained through the Interlibrary Loan system. Films and expositions are programmed and an annual Directory as well as a Bulletin will be published.

The third Article of the association concerns the esprit in which the members will work. First, fidelity to the Primacy of Peter and the realisation that without Christ we can do nothing, for he alone holds the "keys of knowledge" (Lk 11:52).

An interesting item advocates an absence of the "quarrelsome spirit" in regard to controversial issues. The second line of the ancient Golden Precept (quoted in *Spectrum* #3) is recommended in this connection:

*In certis fides,  
 In dubiis libertas,  
 In omnibus caritas.*

The Center invites communication with individuals and groups. For further information, address inquiries to:

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 Laval,  
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**Educational Resources** has been formed to make Shroud information available to schools, churches, teachers, researchers, and all who wish to learn more about this unique relic. The Directors are Barrie Schwartz and Vernon Miller, photographers of the Shroud of Turin Research Project (STURP). A catalog is available, listing the videotapes, cassettes, slides etc. which can be purchased. For detailed information, write to:

Educational Resources  
 310 E. Haley St.  
 Santa Barbara, California 93101  
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Bro. Joseph Marino has prepared a **Source Sheet** for information and materials on the Shroud. Twenty-eight sources are already listed; Brother Joseph invites other groups and individuals to send a short description of what they have to offer.

For a copy of the Source Sheet, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

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In a few short weeks, the historic city of Trani, situated on the beautiful Adriatic Sea, will be host to the participants in the **Third National Congress of Shroud Studies**. Organized by the Delegation of Puglia, the Congress will be held on October 13 and 14.

The First National Congress of Sindonology was held in Turin in 1939. The book of the Acts has long been out of print but, thanks to Don Pietro Scotti, S.D.B., in 1980 an anastatic reprint was made under the title *La Santa Sindone nelle Ricerche Moderne* (Marietti).

1950 saw the First International Congress, held in Rome and Turin. The Acts of this Congress were never published in their entirety, but summaries of the reports and communications are included in the above-mentioned volume.

The Second International Congress, Turin 1978, brought the Shroud to the attention of untold numbers of people around the world and set in motion an ever-increasing groundswell of interest. The entire proceedings were published in *La Sindone e La Scienza*.

And in Bologna, 1981, the Second National Congress took place. Two years later, after infinite solicitude and collaboration, the Acts appeared in *La Sindone, Scienza e Fede* (see *Spectrum* #10, pg. 39).

Since the Bologna Congress, much research has been carried out and we are grateful to the Pugliese Delegation for their initiative in gathering Shroud specialists together at this time; for there is so much yet to be discovered in this Image on the Shroud.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

EUGENE HOYAS, author of *Does the Shroud of Turin Contradict the Bible?* reviewed in *Spectrum* #11 (pg. 43), has a new address:

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