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Scientists Find Shroud Real
But No Proof That It's Jesus

By Richard C. DeSaria
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New London, Conn. — Scientists who spent three years investigating the Shroud of Turin say they are convinced the image on the shroud is not a forgery and that the blood marks on the cloth are real blood.

But the 40 members of the Shroud Research Project said they have not linked the image of the crucified man with any religion at Liberty Baptist College, because, the team finds, the group had concluded the cloth was the burial cloth of Jesus Christ and that the evidence proved the resurrection.

The scientists also said they had presented their theory of "Verdict on the Shroud," written by former member Kenneth E. Stenstrom, to the body members, and that they had agreed to release Joseph having been living with relatives.

"We're keeping an eye on that situation because we do not know when he will be released," Walker noted.

For the remaining 39 in prison, however, the approach of winter and the below zero temperatures for which the Adirondack region is noted are expected to be very hard for the men who have immigrated from Haiti's sub-tropical climate.

To ease that, Walker has added a few to the men and clothing, including long underwear and socks, for the men.

Ray Brook rules, Paul Marottis are celebrating their 50th anniversary while Joseph and Antoinette have been married for 25 years. More than 300 disciples attended the Mass celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark and sponsored by the Office of Family Life.

The Shroud of Turin.

By Dr. Pellicori told the gathering that there is no evidence of oil-treated linen or any other pigment or any other pigment on the cloth except for a yellow coloration of the linen fiber.

He explained that when he was told that the cloth was real blood, he said, "I had to see it for myself."

Dr. Pellicori theorized that the cloth was a burial cloth and that the image was formed by a molecular change in the linen fiber.

The scientists also appeared to give up on the idea that the image was formed by a split-second beam of radiation from the body onto the cloth.

The same scientific standpoint, it was a view of the image, he concluded. Chemists have been unable to find any oils or native reaction with the materials on the cloth which might have served as a catalyst. Nor, he said, has been able to reproduce an image of a face with such high resolution and encoded characteristics — although it has had some limited success with fingerprints.

While many of the scientists would say privately that they did believe the image was that of Jesus, they maintained that from a scientific standpoint, it was a question that could not be resolved from a scientific viewpoint.

The one remaining test, that of carbon 14 dating, is scheduled to be carried out by Dr. Harry Gove of Rochester, has still to be done. Both political and religious considerations in Turin are clubbed for the Church's present refusal to allow the test, although there are some indications the climate is now causal and permission may be granted for the test in the future.

Haitian Update
Daughter Is Found, May Free Refugee

By Jose Dau

Nicole Joseph, one of the 40 Haitian immigrants at Ray Brook, will soon be released from that institution to join her daughter who has been found after an intensive search started by the Rochester Haitian Refugee Committee.

John Walker, executive director of the Office of Black Ministries and a key member of the-doctor group working for the Haitianist Ray Brook, announced that week that Marie Nicole Joseph, 12, who had slipped through the immigration and Naturalization Service's detailing area in Florida on July 1, has been found living with relatives.

In the meantime, her father was brought up on an immigration charge by Ray Brook and the two were thus separated.

Walker said that the men range in size from 5 feet 6 to 6 feet 10. He asked interested parties to contact him at the Office of Black Ministries, 2174, 332-314. He further noted that his appeal is not for more money.

Walker anticipates making a visit to the Ray Brook prison before Nov. 10.

Double Joy

Nerine and Dominico Marottis, center couple, outside of St. Mary's Church in Canandaigua with their son Joseph and his wife Antoinette, following the annual diocesan wedding anniversary celebration last Sunday. The elder Marottis are celebrating their 50th anniversary while Joseph and Antoinette have been married for 25 years.

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