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Catholic Quest Presents a Talk on the Shroud of Turin



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This presentation is given by Al Righini, a retired mechanical design engineer who served in the military electronics industry for over forty years.

Mr. Righini lives in Salem, NH with his wife Carol. They have six married children and eighteen grandchildren.

He is an active parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Salem, NH and a member of the Men of St. Joseph and the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Righini began taking a serious interest in the Shroud of Turin about twelve years ago after reading a rather obscure article in a local newspaper describing it as the reputed burial cloth of Jesus. Soon he began reading

every book available and viewing numerous videos regarding the Shroud with the mysterious image of a crucified man.

In 1997 he attended his first seminar in Connecticut given by Dr. John Jackson, who had been the leader of the team of American scientists

permitted to do extensive testing on the Shroud in 1978. In 1998 he attended the International Research Conference in Richmond, VA and in 2001 the International Conference in Dallas, TX where he met many of the leading renowned experts on the Shroud study. Most recently, he attended the third International Shroud of Turin Conference held in

Dallas, TX.

The presentation begins with a general discussion of crucifixion, a brief known history, a detailed description of the cloth, results of the 1978 testing and most important, the circumstantial evidence which he claims shows us emphatically that the Shroud of Turin is indeed the authentic burial cloth of Jesus.

About six years ago, Mr. Righini discovered that most people, even devout Christians, know very little about the Shroud other than the much publicized results of the faulty radio carbon testing claiming the cloth to be of medieval origin.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Righini prepared a rather extensive slide presentation which covers virtually

all areas of Shroud study, entitled "Is this the Face of Jesus?"

To date, Mr. Righini has given over thirty presentations to numerous church groups, mostly in NH, on the Shroud of Turin.

Please note: The Shroud of Turin is presently kept in the royal chapel of the [Catholic] Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Turin, Italy. Although many believe that it is the burial cloth of Christ, as of this date the Vatican has not given any official pronouncement as to its authenticity. If and when there is an official pronouncement, Catholic Quest will fully accept that decision.