

Press Release - In prayer before the Shroud: live TV and social media on Saturday April 11

On “Shroud day”, on Holy Saturday, the Archbishop of Turin, the Pontifical Custodian, will pray in the front of the Shroud, in the chapel where the cloth is kept. On April 11 at 5 p.m. (11 a.m. EDT) Msgr. Nosiglia will lead a liturgy of prayer and contemplation at the Cathedral, broadcast both live on television and on social platforms (www.sindone.org). At the end of live TV, dialogue and reflection will continue on social media with the presence of experts and voices of witnesses of the moment we are experiencing. The social platform is created with the contribution of the Piedmont Region. The direction of the images is edited by the youth ministry team of the diocese of Turin, which is preparing the European meeting of the young people from Taizé scheduled for December 2020 (and also on that occasion it will be offered to young people the opportunity to contemplate the Cloth; the city of Turin has collaboration already started with the diocese and the community of Taizé for the organization of the meeting).

A sign of hope

Prayer before the Shroud is, for the Church, a way to remember in the liturgy the dead Christ, waiting for the Easter resurrection. But it's also these days, the effective way to gather everyone, believers or not, in a reflection in front of the pandemic that upsets our lives. The Shroud offers us a message of hope that part of the passion and death of the Lord but that becomes source of new life offered to anyone who believes. A hope that there is so much more necessary today, in front of the mourning and suffering caused worldwide by contagion. The love that the Shroud shows us supports us in believing that in the end the light will overcome the darkness of discouragement and fears, and life will overcome death and every other evil that torments humanity.

A “new” ostension

It will not be like an ostension like those of the past. The Shroud remains in the display case in which it is normally kept but it will be possible to contemplate it through images on television. The most immediate precedents (with the sick and young people in 2013, with young people in 2018) took place in slightly different ways. In special prayer on April 11 an absolute novelty is represented from the “social media” that aims to involve ... everything in the world, because the Shroud is truly a “global sign” and the platforms that will make the live broadcast available can reach the whole planet. In the coming days we will provide detailed information on TV channels and web addresses through which you will be able to follow the prayer live in front of the Shroud.