

ASSIST REHEARSE SHROUD TESTING ON COPY OF 1624

On 28th. March the American ASSIST group, who hope to be able to participate in any new testing of the Shroud, held a dress rehearsal or "dry run" at the Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, Summit, New Jersey. This was a day-long testing out of the new, specially-designed table on which the Shroud would be examined, the choice of location being because the Monastery happens to possess a True Copy of the Shroud, of the same dimensions as the original, made for the Austrian Infanta in 1624. The copy is inscribed "Cavato dal Originale in Turino l'Anno 1624", and was used as a substitute Shroud during the dry run. It is thought to be the only copy of such antiquity anywhere in the United States.