

WHO'S WHO IN THE SHROUD WORLD

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The Rev. Albert ("Kim") R. Dreisbach, Jr., an Episcopal Priest, is the founder and Executive Director of the **Atlanta International Center for the Continuing Study of the Shroud of Turin, Inc. (AICCSST)**. Selected for *Marquis Who's Who in Religion*, Fr. Dreisbach is the author of numerous papers, a frequent lecturer both to secular and church groups. A former member of the Board of Directors of (**Association of Scientists and Scholars International for the Shroud of Turin (ASSIST)**), Fr. Dreisbach currently serves as a member of the **Archiving Committee** of the **Holy Shroud Guild (HSG)**. He has also lectured for symposia at St. Louis, Mount St. Alphonus in Esopus, NY, St. Stephen's House, Oxford, Dallas (both in 1999 and 2001), at Emory's Senior University, Atlanta, Richmond, Orvieto, Vetralla and Paris and has often appeared on national radio and TV. He was one of four featured speakers in Shreveport at the Louisiana Association of Catholic Campus College Campus Ministers' **2001: Faith Odessy**. He has appeared as a panelist with author Ian Wilson and Duke's Dr. Alan Whanger on Vatican Radio. Together with Fr. Frederick Brinkman, C.Ss.R., President of the Holy Shroud Guild, he led tours to the exhibits of the Shroud both in 1998 and again in 200. A commentator in and technical advisor to a segment devoted to the Shroud on **CBS's "Mysteries of the Ancient World"**, he also has functioned in the same capacity for **NBC's Unsolved Mysteries**, **CBN's "Behold a Mystery"** and for **The Learning Channel's "In Pursuit of the Shroud."** In the spring of 2000 he appeared in a one hour segment of **The History Channels' "History's Mysteries"** and later that year in an exclusive half-hour interview on **FOCUS Worldwide Catholic Network** dealing with the written documents from the first four centuries revealing the Shroud's survival and significance within the Church.

From the Empty Tomb in Jerusalem to its current resting place in Turin's Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Fr. Dreisbach has traveled extensively in search of new insights regarding the Holy Shroud. Called by one newspaper "'a' man of the cloth who teaches about 'The' Man on the Cloth", Fr. Dreisbach sees the Holy Shroud as an superb vehicle for: Low level **Evangelism** to the 20th century skeptic who will not **believe** until he **sees**, the best available "visual aid"(note that here the **medium** is the **message**) for **Christian Education** about our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection and as an **Ecumenical bridge** with meaning for all members of the Christian Church.

Like John Walsh, historian and author of Shroud, Fr. Dreisbach believes that:

"The Shroud of Turin is either the most awesome and instructive relic of Christ in existence... or...the most ingenious, unbelievably clever production of the human mind and hand on record. It is one or the other. There is no middle ground."

Fr. Dreisbach was the founder and first President of the **Atlanta International Center for Continuing Study of the Shroud of Turin, Inc. (AICCSST)** in 1978. He resigned from the Church of the Incarnation in 1985 to devote full time to **AICCSST**. From 1981 to 1987, he managed the 4,500 ft.² **TURIN SHROUD EXHIBIT** -displayed first at the Peachtree Center and for six years at the Omni International. The site was visited by thousands of conventioners, foreign guests - including a delegation of Russian Orthodox Archbishops, school children, church groups and a special party led by former President Jimmy Carter and Warren Christopher, who later served as America's Secretary of State. When the Exhibit was forced to leave the Omni by its new owner, Fr. Dreisbach donated it to the **Apostolate for Family Consecration, CatholicFamilyland**, a retreat center in Bloomingdale, Ohio.