

NOTES ABOUT THE AUTHORS

PETER M. RINALDI, S.D.B., has lived in the glow of the Shroud since he was an altar boy in Turin's cathedral, where the Shroud is preserved. He first saw the Relic in 1933 on the occasion recalled in his article (pg 3). Born near Turin; graduated from Fordham University and Turin's Pontifical Salesian Athenaeum; pastor of Corpus Christi Church, Port Chester, New York, for nearly thirty years; Vice President of the Holy Shroud Guild since its foundation; intimately associated with sindonology for already half a century; Father Rinaldi has applied every minute of those fifty years to the diffusion of the light of the Shroud in Europe, America and Asia. A curriculum such as his cannot be confined in a few lines of print. Suffice it to say, today, that he was a friend of Humbert II of Savoy, to whom his book, *It is the Lord*, is dedicated with these words: "To His Majesty Humbert II of Savoy, To Whose Family The World Owes The Preservation Of The Holy Shroud Through The Centuries".

Dr. GILBERT R. LAVOIE is on the staff of the Faulkner and New England Deaconess Hospitals and is Clinical Instructor at Tufts Medical School. After two years as Chief of the branch of Epidemiology at the U.S. Army Headquarters Medical Command in Europe, Dr. Lavoie served in Bangladesh as consultant for the Smallpox Eradication Program. He was a member of the II International Congress of Sindonology held in Turin in 1978.

Dr. Lavoie's article, "In Accordance with Jewish Burial Custom, the Body of Jesus was not Washed" appeared in SPECTRUM #3, June 1982.

Dr. SEBASTIANO RODANTE, a pediatric specialist, is vice-director of the Provincial Institute of Assistance for Children in Siracuse, Sicily, where he resides. In 1943, when he was barely 20 years old, he began to study the Shroud. Medical consultant for Turin's International Center of Sindonology, he is also director of the Siracuse Center of Sindonological Studies. His scientific articles have been widely published, and appear frequently in SINDON, the official journal of sindonology, and in *Scienza e Fede*, published in Palermo. Dr. Rodante's study of the Coronation of Thorns appeared in the Pilot issue of SHROUD SPECTRUM, Dec. 1981.

An official speaker in the II International Congress, Turin 1978 and the II National Congress, Bologna 1981, during the XIth Congress of Medicine and Morality (Rome 1978) he presented the results of his research on the imprints obtained with bloody sweat, experiments conducted in the Catacombs of Siracuse.

RODNEY HOARE took a Master of Arts degree in Physics from Trinity College, Cambridge. Before his appointment to a teaching position at Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham, he had served for four years as captain in the British and Indian Armies, and taught in California and Sierra Leone. A member of the British Society for the Turin Shroud, he first began studying the Shroud in 1973 and has since written many articles on the subject. He is the author of *Lessons through the Air* (1970) and *The Testimony of the Shroud* (St. Martin's Press, 1978), in which Prof. Hoare proposes that when Jesus was wrapped in the Linen and laid in the tomb, he was not dead but only in coma. Recovering in the care of his friends, he lived out a normal life in obscurity.

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