

## IN MEMORIAM

Modestino Zeuli  
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A list of the contributions and the honors which crowded the academic career of Professor Modestino Zeuli rightly belongs in a history of Mathematical Physics and for many of us would hardly hold our attention. A skimming of his *vitae* is given in *Spectrum* #10, and *Spectrum* #26 (p. 29) reduces to a few words what was, for the Professor, a moving ceremony when the President of the Italian Republic conferred upon him the title of Professor Emeritus.

Another dignity, heavy, however, with responsibility, was his election to the presidency of the Confraternity of the Holy Shroud and the Centro Internazionale di Sindonologia (1979-1985). Although he accepted the election "for obedience", it was a logical consequence of his four decades of publishing and lecturing on the Shroud, during which activities his eagerness and erudition in communicating the science and the message of the Shroud won not only the gratitude of uncounted audiences, but gained new scholars in sindonology.

But these accomplishments, like rows of bright medals on the chest of a gallant soldier, while they bespeak a life of service and devotion, they do very little to delineate the man whose absence we lament.

What we remember about Tino Zeuli is an almost childlike goodness, radiating forth in an irrepressible smile, unhesitating generosity, and a deep-down joy embracing everyone he met. This man of surpassing modesty and intrinsic spirituality, who loved poetry with the same passion that he loved mathematics, whose rigorously disciplined mind could convey ponderous matters with delicate, didactic whimsy, — at the merest mention of the Holy Shroud became a giant, rock-solid in conviction and fervent in his love for the Man of the Shroud, who, the Rational Mathematician demonstrated, is Jesus Christ; before whose Presence, for Tino Zeuli, the ultimate veil was gently drawn aside.

