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EXPERTS TO DISCUSS SCIENCE AND THEOLOGY OF THE SHROUD OF TURIN

ST. LOUIS – Scientific and theological scholars will offer insight and analysis during a panel presentation on the Shroud of Turin on Thursday, October 26, 2017, from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (5200 Glennon Dr., Shrewsbury, Missouri 63119).

Author and attorney Mark Antonacci has studied the Shroud of Turin for over 35 years. His latest publication, “Test the Shroud,” was released in 2016. Father John Nickolai, Associate Pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Imperial, Missouri, earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Washington University in 1999. His master’s thesis at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary was “Why This Face? The Shroud of Turin and Icons of Christ.”

Also serving on the panel will be scientists Arthur C. Lind and Robert A. Rucker. Lind, a physicist, is one of the world’s leading scientists on the Shroud of Turin. Rucker holds degrees in nuclear engineering and has studied the application of nuclear analysis and computer calculations with regards to the carbon dating of the Shroud.

Attendees will be able to view a replica of the Shroud of Turin, housed permanently at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

The Shroud of Turin is an ancient artifact purported to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ. Conflicting scientific tests have not shown conclusively that the Shroud dates to the time of Jesus, nor have they proven the Shroud is a forgery from the Middle Ages as some experts claim. Recent popes have weighed in on the matter. St. John Paul II encouraged more scientific analysis in the 1990s, while Pope Benedict XVI said it was “an icon written in blood” and Pope Francis recently said it was an “icon of love.”

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