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Visitors to Exhibition: Unveiling the Mysteries of the Shroud

Pilgrim Center of Hope brings a journey of faith and science to San Antonio

Pilgrim Center of Hope invites all to embark on a journey of exploration through its “Who Is the Man of the Shroud?” museum-quality exhibition, now permanently housed in San Antonio. The exhibition, like its original iteration in Jerusalem, delves into the mysteries surrounding the most studied relic in history; an ancient linen cloth called the Shroud of Turin bearing the haunting image of a tortured and crucified man’s body in a manner corresponding to the Gospel accounts about Jesus.

“It gives us more insight on how much Jesus suffered for us, for our salvation,” commented Richard, a recent visitor to the exhibition.

The “Who Is the Man of the Shroud?” collection was curated to shed light on profound questions that have intrigued humanity for centuries. The exhibition combines history, art, faith, and scientific discoveries about the Shroud for guests to

draw their own conclusions about the Shroud and the man’s identity.

It offers a step into the past, to witness re-creations of the instruments of torture used on the Man of the Shroud and panels tracing the Shroud’s history, leading into remarkable scientific discoveries of our modern era.

At the center are a full-size, certified replica of the Shroud of Turin and illuminated photographic negatives of the Shroud, showcasing the unparalleled image of the man’s body.

A highlight is the awe-inspiring bronze sculpture “The Body of the Man of the Shroud” by renowned Italian artist and educator Luigi E. Mattei. Based on the three-dimensional data extracted from the Shroud image, this remarkable work invites visitors to examine and even touch a tangible representation of the man whose image has captivated the world.

Entrance is open to all, with no cost to the public. Donations, however, are warmly welcomed to support the ongoing preservation and accessibility of this extraordinary collection.

Opening hours are most Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with occasional closures. Individuals and small groups are encouraged to come at their lei-

sure, although calling ahead is advantageous for an optimal experience.

“We are housed in a former convent, so we are creative with the available space. Groups are asked to call in advance to arrange your visit,” says Co-Director Mary Jane Fox, “so we can discern how best to provide you with a presentation before you tour the exhibition. Our hope is to raise funds to construct an additional building that will help welcome more guests.”

Pilgrim Center of Hope is a non-profit, Catholic apostolate, founded in 1993.

While the organization maintains no official position regarding the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin, it recognizes the significance of this relic within the context of faith and history. Notably, several popes have personally venerated the artifact, although the Catholic Church has not

issued an official statement regarding its status as the burial cloth of Christ, which many individuals hold true.

The Center is located near the intersection of Ingram and Culebra roads at 7680 Joe Newton Street. For more information, call (210) 521-3377.

Embark on a journey that transcends time, as Pilgrim Center of Hope invites you to delve into the mysteries of the Turin Shroud.

