



Year of Faith: New Mexico, History, and the Holy Shroud of Turin

Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at 6PM at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Las Cruces, NM

In 1978, from Albuquerque, the largest scientific investigation ever launched to study a single artifact was formed. In 1976, a discovery at Sandia Laboratories of evidence concerning the three-dimensional properties of the image in the Shroud of Turin became the trigger creating the interest and drive behind this once-in-a-lifetime expedition. The largest number of the researchers involved from any one locale, was from New Mexico.

Deacon Pete Schumacher will present a one-hour overview of the Shroud and the 1978 investigations. He was the production manager for the company that made the VP-8 Image Analyzer. In 1976, he delivered the instrument to Captains John Jackson and Eric Jumper of the Air Force Academy who made a cardboard model of the Man of the Shroud, still on display at the Air Force Academy Chapel in Colorado Springs. Their work has been featured in various TV documentaries and an Academy Award winning documentary, "The Silent Witness".

Shroud Exhibit and Museum, a 501-c-3 non-profit New Mexico corporation, is listed in the Official Catholic Directory under the Diocese of Las Cruces. Deacon Pete was ordained for the diocese and assigned to Immaculate Conception Church in Alamogordo on June 6, 2009.

He and his wife, Susan Wagner OFS, opened the museum at White Sands (shopping) Mall in February 2009. It is "An Occasion of Grace in a Secular Place", where casual shoppers, diners, and tourists encounter the "man of the Shroud", Jesus. More than 15,000 people have visited the exhibit while more than 70,000 people around the world have spent time on our web site ShroudNM.com. Portable displays have been used to present lectures in Arlington, TX, Nevada, MO, and Silver City, NM. He has led retreats at San Patricio Retreat Center and Holy Cross Retreat Center and a three-day Lenten mission on the Rosary and the Shroud. Deacon Pete has presented various papers at Shroud meetings since his introduction to the Shroud in 1976.

There will be a full-size color print photograph of the Shroud, 3D works by Dr. Petrus Soons, and other displays at this presentation. There will be time for questions after the presentation. Although the presentation will be in English, there will a brief (10-minute) video presentation available in Spanish.

For more information, call the parish office or Shroud Exhibit and Museum, 575-415-5206 or visit us on the Internet at ShroudNM.com.