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Italian Scientist to Conduct Lectures on “the Sacred Shroud of Turin” in Zambia

LUSAKA – The Apostolic Nunciature in Zambia has announced that a leading member of the Association of Scientists and Scholars International for “**the Sacred Shroud of Turin**” will visit Zambia from February 16th to the 23rd, 2008 to create awareness on “**the Sacred Shroud of Turin**”.

Archbishop Nicola Girasoli said in Lusaka today that Dr. Emmanuela Marrinelli; one of the scientists working on the mystery surrounding “**the Sacred Shroud of Turin**” will hold public lectures in Zambia to shed light on the scientific debates surrounding the issue.

“**The Sacred Shroud of Turin**” is a linen cloth bearing a hidden image of a man who appears to have been physically traumatized in manner consistent with crucifixion.

The linen, which is kept in the royal chapel of the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Turin in Italy, is believed to be the cloth that covered Jesus when he was placed in the tomb after his crucifixion and that his image was recorded at or near the time of his resurrection. Apart from the scientific base on its origin, many Catholics consider the Shroud a relic of devotion for the faithful. From a religious standpoint, in 1958, Pope Pius XII approved of the image in association with the Roman Catholic devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus.

However, some skeptics contend that the Shroud is a medieval hoax, forgery, or the result of the result of natural processes yet to be understood.

According to the conference programme announced by Archbishop Girasoli, Dr. Emmanuela Marrinelli will hold the first lecture at the Lilanda Catholic Parish in Lusaka on Sunday February 17th, 2008 at 11 hours and the second one at the St. Ignatius Catholic Parish Wednesday February 20th, 2008 at 15:00 hours (Ends)

You can also find more information on the issue on the website address: www.shroud.it

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