

## Why Bring **SHROUD ENCOUNTER** to Your Church or Parish?

Shroud Encounter is a powerful VISUAL experience that combines the witness of history with modern scientific analysis to create a compelling presentation of the Gospel exploring both Crucifixion and Resurrection.

***Shroud Encounter brings the Gospel story to life. Below are quotes from your ministry peers on how the program impacted them and their church or parish.***

**Powerful—Engaging—Compelling:** "The presentation was fantastic!!! The immediate response was a standing ovation. I cannot remember any event in the past where people were literally glued to every word. The images were superb, and very professionally explained. The display of the shroud replica and the photo-negatives in the lobby really helped people understand the gravity of the talk. I have already recommended the program to two other Churches." *Deacon Dan Whitaker, Director of Religious Education, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama.*

**Museum quality life-size replica adds greatly to the overall experience.** "The visual presentation was well done and greatly enhanced the experience. Having the life size replica of the Shroud present during the presentation made it even more effective. One would have thought you were actually in Turin with the actual Shroud!" *Father Gary Daily, Director, Newman Catholic Center, UMass-Amherst*

**Shroud Encounter is a powerful faith-builder!** "Russ Breault's "Shroud Encounter" was the largest attended event in our Catholic Student Center Hall that I have ever witnessed. Over 550 people packed into the room and were mesmerized by his presentation. For weeks afterwards I heard from different people how much they enjoyed it and how much it helped increase their faith. After his presentation, I could clearly understand why he is in such high demand as a speaker. *Father Bryce Sibley, Catholic Student Center, University of Louisiana at Lafayette*

**The Receipt Concept makes the Shroud relevant to people's everyday experience.** "Shroud Encounter was truly an encounter with history, faith and science! Seeing the life-size replica really helped me see the reality of the death and resurrection of Jesus in a way I never have before. Hearing the story of the shroud and seeing the replica really brought the man in the shroud to life. Hearing the scientist's discoveries and conclusions was incredible. What a beautiful gift to humanity and the concept of the "receipt" seems quite accurate. Spreading the word of this "receipt" is a ministry that we all should engage in – the world needs to know!" *Tara Splonskowski, Staff Associate, St. Paul's Newman Center, NDSU, Fargo ND*

**Excellent Program for Community Outreach:** "Shroud Encounter was a fantastic success! Over 800 people attended and at least half of the audience was from outside the parish because they had heard about the event through various marketing materials that Russ provides. (This was a huge help in coordinating this event.)" *Amy Allert, M.Th., Dir. Adult, Family & Young Adult Ministry, St. Louis Catholic Church, Austin TX*

**Add Water and Stir Promotion Support:** “I can say unconditionally that Shroud Encounter was a great success, on many levels. First, Russ made my job as sponsor really easy. He provided excellent materials that allowed me to “market” the presentation to both our parish and the surrounding community. These included images that were directly converted to poster sized announcements, and ready to go press releases that were easily included in local papers. As a result of our outreach, we had a large crowd that included many people from outside the parish. Russ customized the materials (posters, flyers and tickets) to the particulars of our presentation (time, date, location, etc) and was very responsive and helpful.” *Judy Rudderow, Event Organizer and sponsor, St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lambertville, NJ*

**Fully Ecumenical and Fulfills New Evangelization Goals:** “Thank you for a fantastic event! Our Shroud Encounter event had about half the crowd come from surrounding parishes, the local Orthodox parish, and many Protestants! Russ is able to reach the entire diverse crowd. I expected Russ to be an expert on the shroud, but I was pleasantly surprised how well-versed he is in Scripture and Tradition. It was a wonderful event that not only helped many understand the Shroud, but I believe helped deepen their faith in Christ.” *Deacon Regi, St Anthony Catholic Church, Florence, SC*

**Shroud Encounter is designed to be a Christ Encounter!** “On behalf of all the Knights I would like to thank you for an uplifting experience that brought everyone closer to Christ. I was so pleased with the tearful joy of the participants. I was amazed at all I did not know about the Shroud. I firmly believe that every participants’ life has now been lifted up to a whole new level with a reinvigorated hope and trust in our faith!” *Mark Kollar, Warden, Knights of Columbus Council 7331, Serving St Norbert, St Philip and Our Lady of the Brook, Northbrook, IL*

**Shroud Encounter is a “captivating” experience that will never be forgotten:** “I want to thank you for the recent presentation at our parish. Those who attended constantly go out of their way to tell me how much they enjoyed it. I don’t remember when I have seen 500+ people captivated for almost two hours!” *Fr. Mark Heuberger, Pastor, SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Bradenton, FL*

**Shroud Encounter helps you to utilize local media. The press loves an *unsolved mystery*:** “Shroud Encounter was one of the most successful events we have had in years in our parish. People from all faiths (and no faith) came as a result of an article in the city newspaper and everyone was touched by the awe and wonder of the Shroud. The presentation was engaging, entertaining, intellectually challenging and inspiring. I recommend this event to everyone!” *Deacon Jay Dallas, St. Teresa’s Church, Albany, Ga*

*The Shroud of Turin is: Science and History Wrapped in a Mystery!*

Bring the SHROUD ENCOUNTER experience to your church or parish soon.

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