

## NEWS &amp; ACTIVITIES AROUND THE WORLD

MEXICO CITY: Another candle has been lighted in the fraternity of the Holy Shroud. In January, a solemn inauguration, under the auspices of H. H. Ernesto Cardinal Corripio Ahumada, Archbishop primate of Mexico, marked the founding of the Centro Mexicano de Sindonologia. The purpose of the Center is to promote devotion to the Shroud, as well as to conduct and disseminate scientific studies.

The Mexican group had already organized a Shroud exposition, which was displayed in several cities, reaching 100,000 people.

The Center is eager to make contacts with study groups in other countries around the world. The address is:

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SANTA CRUZ, CA: In this city, named for the Holy Cross, on September 14 (1982) Feast Day of the Holy Cross, an exhibit of the Shroud of Turin was opened by the Right Reverend Thaddeus Shubsa, Bishop of Monterey. A solemn midnight Mass closed the exhibit on January 2 (1983), Feast of the Epiphany.

Some one hundred photographs were on display, including a life-size color reproduction. Admission was free.

All grade-school pupils who had viewed the exhibit were eligible to enter a non-denominational contest by submitting an essay on "The Man of the Shroud", and prizes totalling over \$3,000 were awarded.

The exhibit and contest were organized by Rev. Aldo Grasso, O.S.J., of St Joseph's Shrine, 544 West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060.