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Barrie Schwartz was the Official Documenting Photographer for the Shroud of Turin Research Project, the team that conducted the first in-depth scientific examination of the Shroud in 1978. Today, he plays an influential role in Shroud research and education as the editor and founder of the internationally recognized Shroud of Turin Website (www.shroud.com), the oldest, largest and most extensive Shroud resource on the Internet, with more than ten million visitors from over 160 countries.

In 2009, he founded the Shroud of Turin Education and Research Association, Inc. (STERA, Inc.), a non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation, to which he donated the website and his extensive Shroud photographic collection, as well as many other important Shroud resources, in order to preserve and maintain these materials and make them available for future research and study. He currently serves as the President of STERA, Inc.

Mr. Schwartz has conducted Shroud lectures around the world. He has appeared in programs and documentaries on every major broadcast and cable television network, including the History Channel, the Discovery Channel, the Learning Channel, the National Geographic Channel, CNN, PBS, the BBC, Fox News, Channel 1 Russia, the Coast to Coast AM radio show, Catholic Answers radio and Vatican Radio. His photographs have appeared in hundreds of books and publications including Life Magazine, National Geographic, Time Magazine, Newsweek and Inside the Vatican magazine and in countless television documentaries.

Life-size copies of his Shroud photographs are on display in many churches and Shroud centers around the world, including Mother Angelica's Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Hanceville, Alabama. He has written many Shroud articles and papers that have been published in periodicals or presented at conferences around the world, the most recent in the March 2010 issue of Catholic Digest.

He continues to participate in Shroud research with experts around the world and coauthored a book with Ian Wilson titled, "The Turin Shroud: The Illustrated Evidence" published in August 2000 by Michael O'Mara Books, Ltd., London, and distributed by Barnes & Noble in the U.S. Mr. Schwartz has become a regular lecturer at Catholic universities and organizations, including Ave Maria University in Naples, Florida, John Paul the Great University in San Diego, California and Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, California.

At the personal request of Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans, Mr. Schwartz appeared in several television programs produced by the Archbishop's Catholic Focus Worldwide Network. He has spoken to more than thirty Legatus chapters around the country and was a guest speaker at the 2008 Legatus Winter Summit in Naples, Florida. He spoke to four southern California Legatus chapters in February 2011.

His presentations in April 2010 included four days of lectures for the Vancouver Shroud Association, a Catholic organization dedicated to promoting the Shroud in Canada and a full day seminar on the Shroud at the Santa Clara Convention Center sponsored by Fr. Michael Pintacura. In May 2010, at the invitation of the Legionaries of Christ at the University of Rome, Mr. Schwartz made a Shroud presentation to the seminarians at the Apostolorum Regnum. This was deemed such a success that he was invited back in April 2011 to teach a Masters course on the Shroud of Turin in the university's Science and Faith Program. At the invitation of the Legionaries, he also lectured at the beautiful Sankt Antonius Church in Dusseldorf, Germany, in May 2010, and at the University of Madrid in April 2011. In April 2011, at the invitation of the Legatus Poland organization, Mr. Schwartz traveled to five cities in Poland and spoke at various schools and universities. He is scheduled to return to Rome in October 2011 to speak at another conference organized by the Legionaries of Christ.

