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MOST REV. BISHOP RICHARD UMBERS

On 25 June 2016, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Richard as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney and titular bishop of Thala in Tunisia. In the Archdiocese, he is the Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation, the Liaison Bishop for Tertiary Education, a Trustee of the University of Notre Dame and the Deputy Chancellor of the Catholic Institute of Sydney. In November 2018, he took up his position on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Bishops Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement.



FR. ANDREW DALTON, L.C.

A Catholic priest of the Legionaries of Christ and professor of theology at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome, Fr Dalton has become well-known as an international speaker on the Shroud. He became a board member of Othonia, an international center of investigation on the Shroud, in 2017. In 2018, he worked with Shroud experts around the world to bring university-level studies to the English-speaking world. He teaches the Biblical Theology of the Passion of the Christ for the Science and Faith Institute, which works in collaboration with the International Centre of Shroud Studies in Turin and the Giulio Ricci Diocesan Centre of Shroud Studies in Rome. He has lectured on the Shroud of Turin and the sufferings of Christ all over the world, where his approach "bridges the gap between scientific observation and theological interpretation".



DAVID ROLFE

DAVID ROLFE is best known as the director of the famous documentary film about the Shroud of Turin, *The Silent Witness*, which won a BAFTA award after it was shown in cinemas around the world. Rolfe's exposure to the Shroud during the making of the film led to him being converted from atheism to Christianity and he is now acknowledged as one of the world's leading experts on the Shroud. Among his films are three other documentaries on the Shroud: *Shroud of Turin Material Evidence*, *A Grave Injustice*, about the carbon dating, and *Who Can He Be?*



WILLIAM WEST

WILLIAM WEST is one of Australia's most experienced journalists. He spent more than 15 years at The Australian newspaper in many roles, including Legal writer and Editor of the national Higher Education section. He has been editor of several magazines, including *Perspective* magazine and *Education Review*. He is the author of *Riddles of the Shroud: Questions Science Can't Answer*, and a new book to be published soon: *The Impossible Shroud: How To Be Sure It Is Jesus*. His articles about the Shroud have appeared in the *Sydney Catholic Weekly*, the *Brisbane Catholic Leader* and at *Mercatornet.com*.



DR PAUL MORRISSEY

DR PAUL MORRISSEY became president of *Campion College* in 2015 after a career teaching theology and religious studies at university and high school. After completing his Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the *Lateran University* in Rome and his Doctorate at the *Catholic Institute* in Sydney, Paul taught systematic and moral theology at the *University of Notre Dame* for eight years. He has published numerous papers in *New Blackfriars*, *Nova et Vetera*, *Logos* and *Solidarity*.