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## Benedict XVI's parting gift: First ostension of Holy Shroud since 1975 to take place this March

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**BENEDICT XVI VENERATES THE HOLY SHROUD ON HIS VISIT TO TURIN IN 2010**

and not horizontally as is customary. On 1 March, Italian state television *RAI* will be broadcasting images of the Shroud which will be shown on television channels worldwide.

The Ostension will take place the day before Easter, echoing the meaning attributed to the Shroud by Benedict XVI during his visit to Turin on 2 May 2010, when he defined it as "the Icon of Holy Saturday". This year's televised Ostension of the Shroud is part of a series of initiatives to mark Benedict XVI's Year of Faith.

**This coming 30 March the Holy Shroud will be broadcast live on television for the first time since 1973**

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At 11 am on Friday 1 March the Archbishop of Turin, Mgr. Cesare Nosiglia, who is Pontifical Custodian of the Shroud, will give a presentation of the televised Ostension of the Shroud on 30 March, the day before Easter. Nosiglia's presentation will be given at the Metropolitan Seminary of Turin (on Via XX Settembre, 83), Italy.

Two million pilgrims from all across the world walked past the Shroud at the 2010 Ostension in Turin Cathedral. Forty years after the first televised Ostension of the Shroud on 23 November 1973 in the Hall of the Swiss in the Royal Palace of Turin. On that occasion, the Shroud was displayed vertically

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