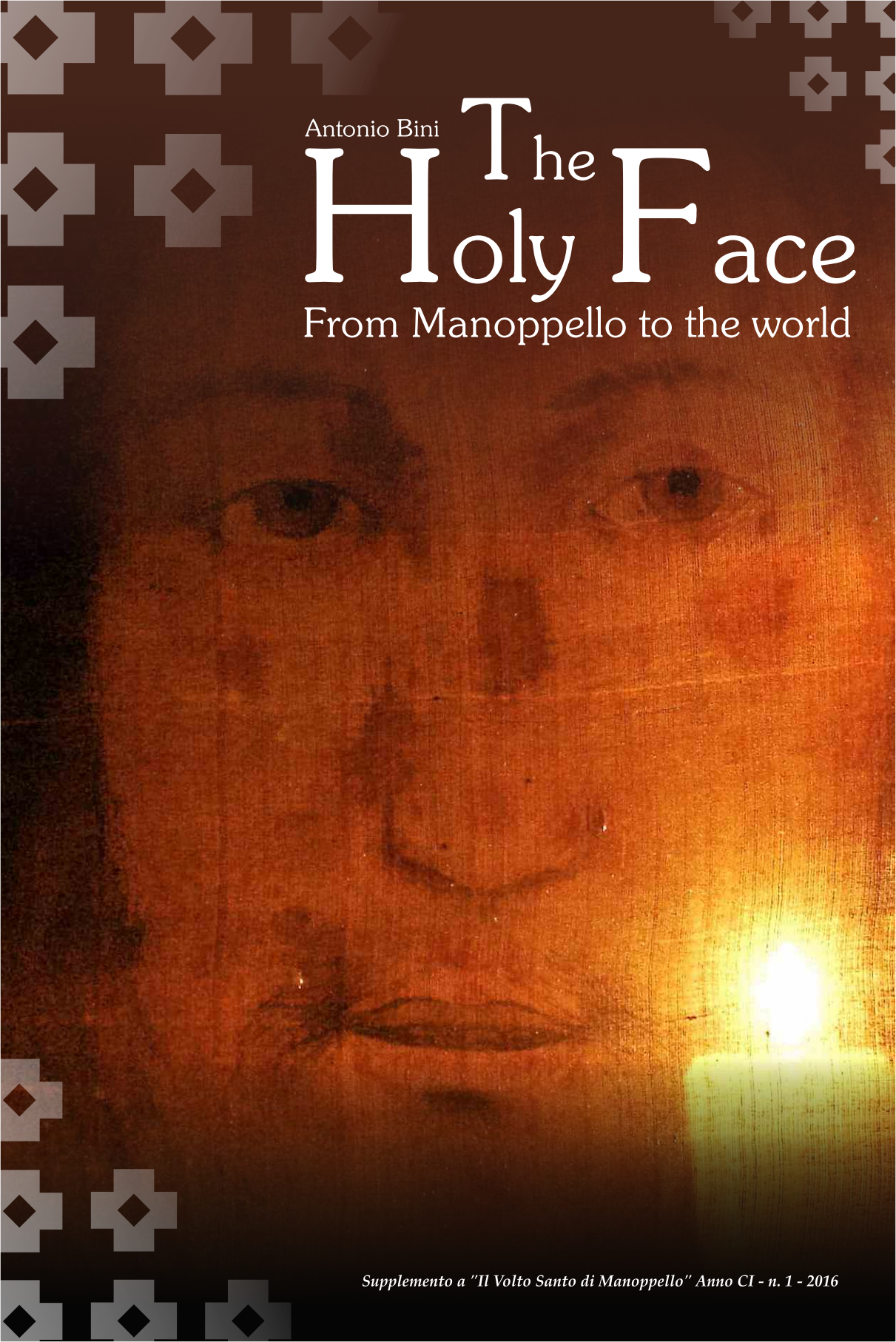


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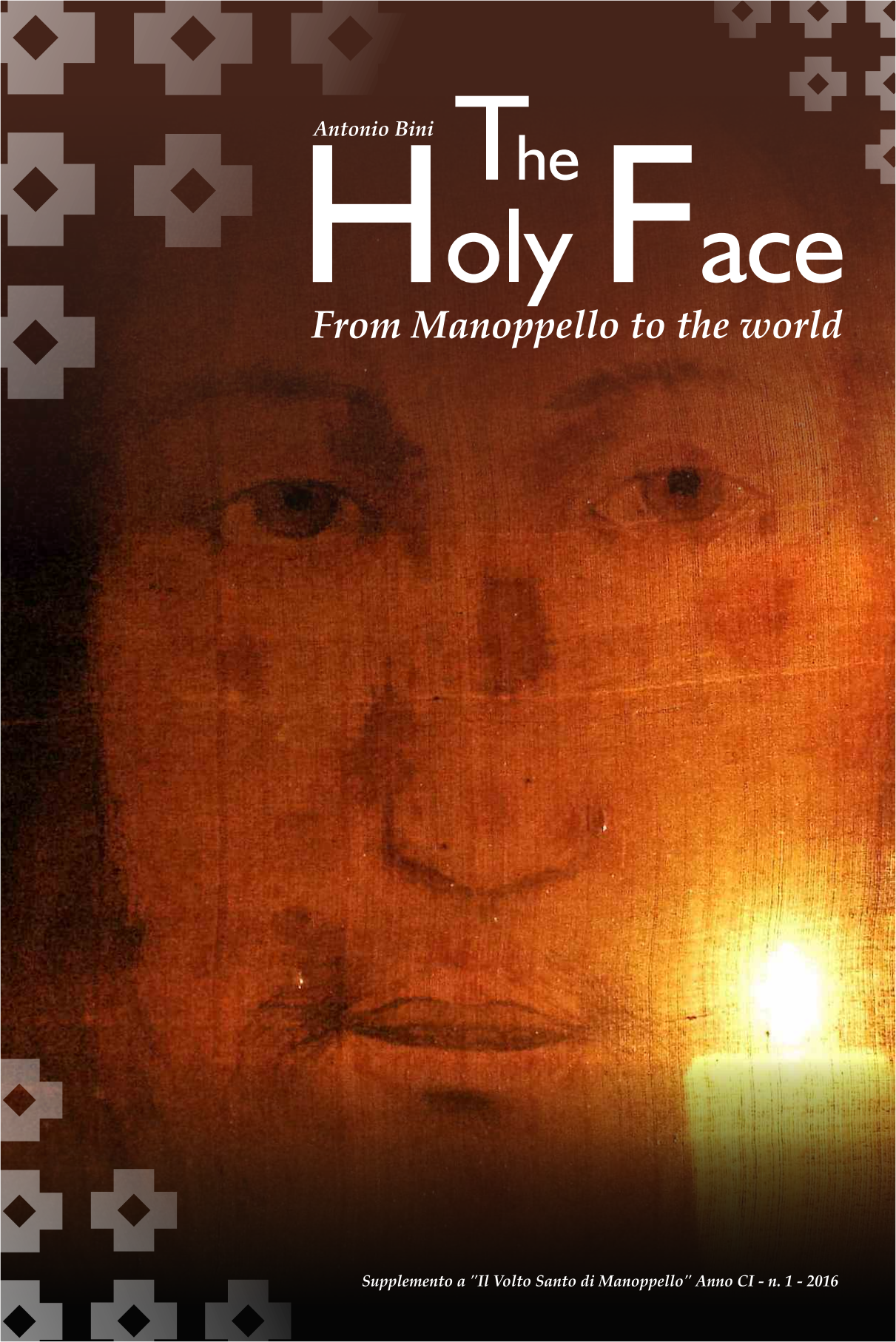
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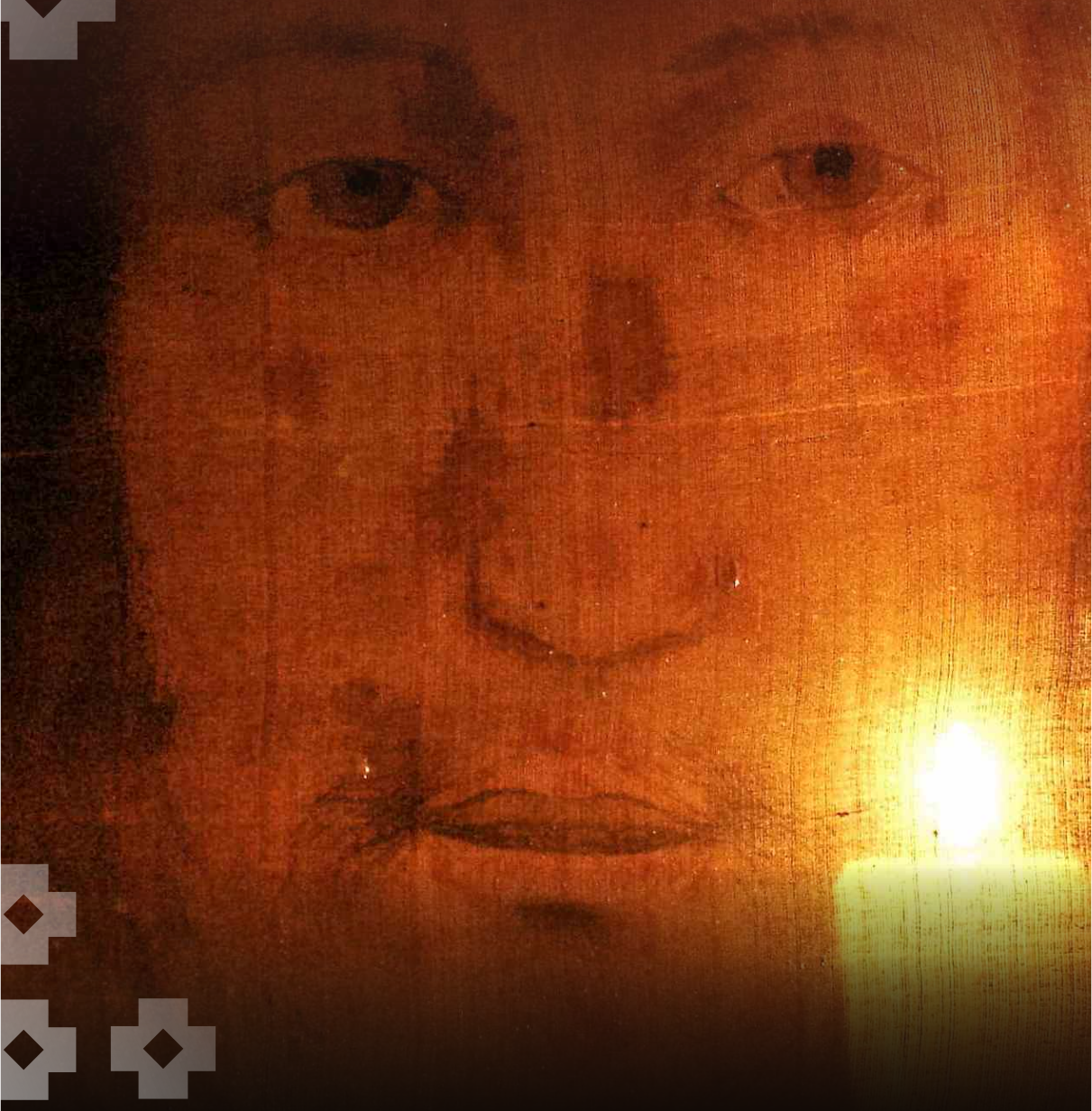
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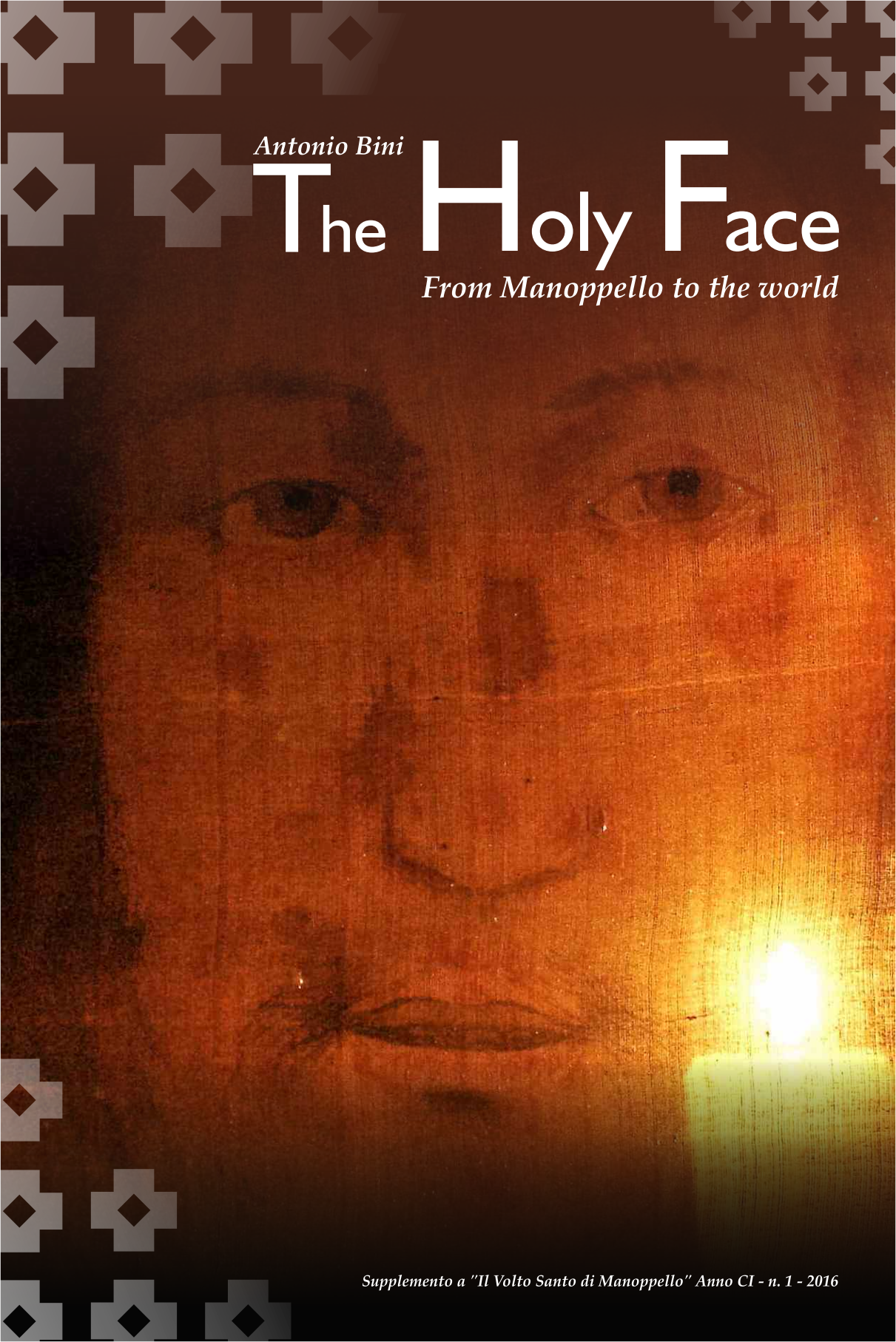
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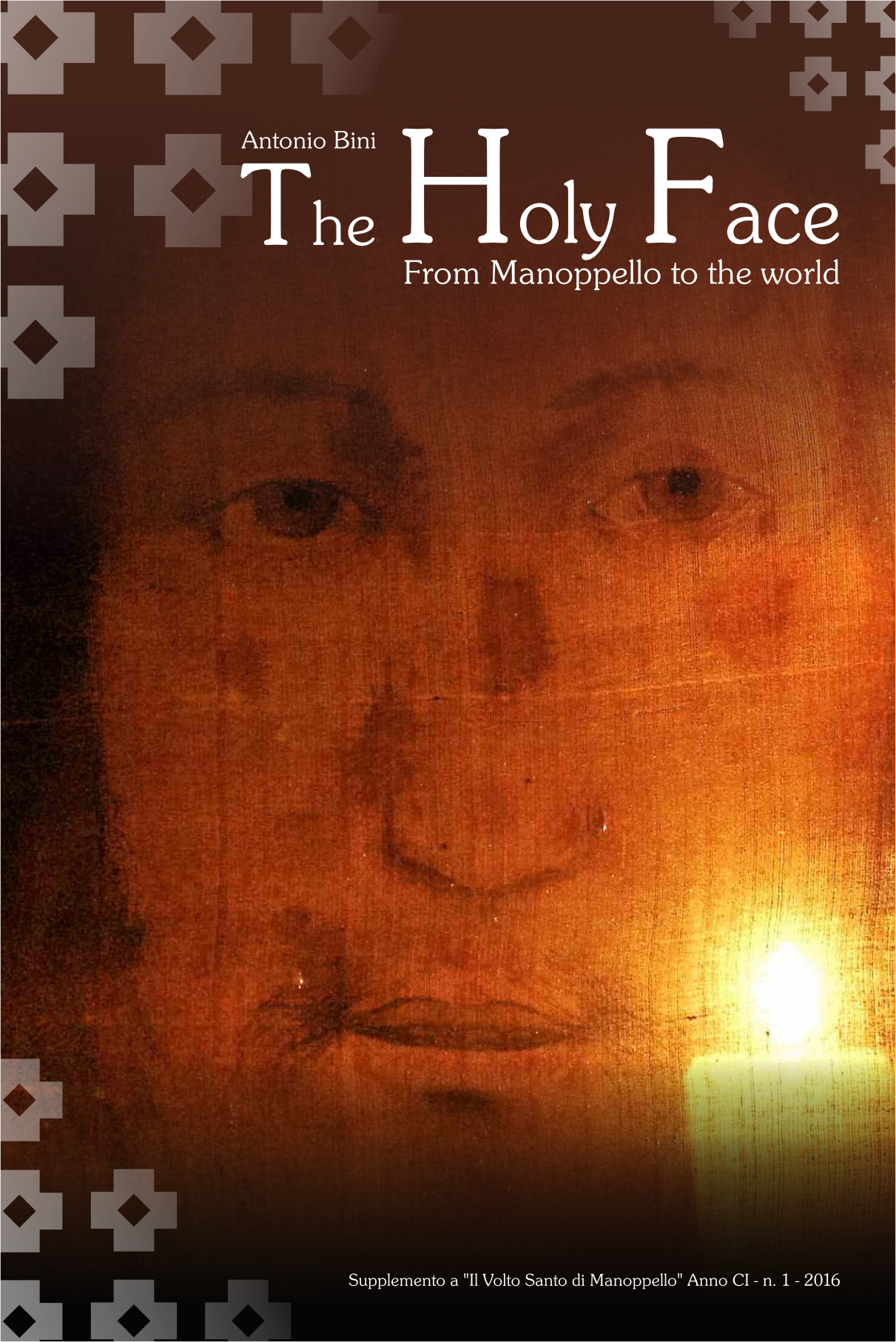
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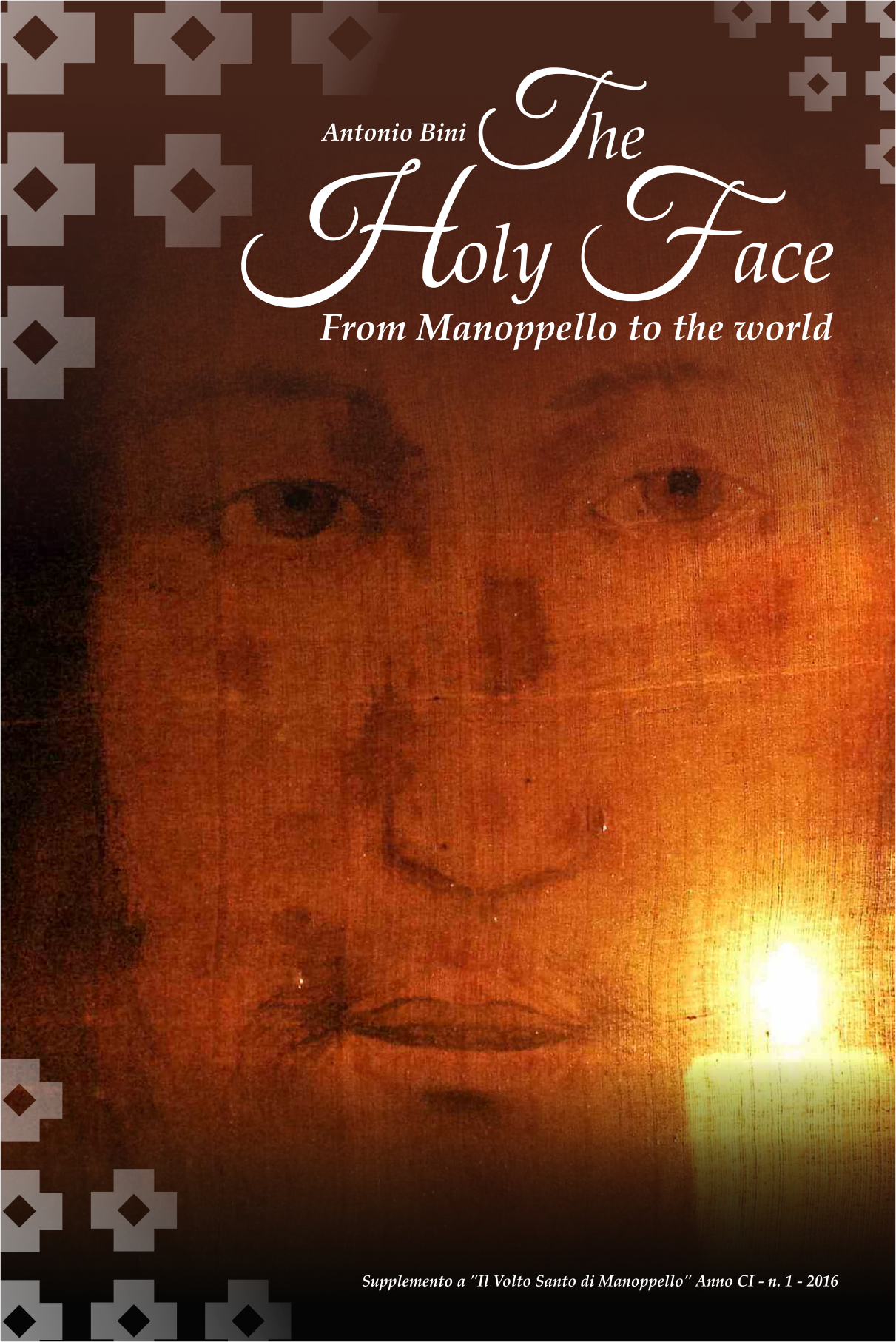
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### Prayer to the Holy Face

Lord Jesus, As the first apostles,  
Whom you asked: "What do you seek?";  
Accepted your invitation to: "Come and See"  
Recognising you as the Son of God,  
The Promised Messiah for the world's redemption,  
We too, your disciples in this difficult time  
Want to follow you and be your friends,  
Drawn by the brilliance of your face much  
desired yet hidden.  
Show us, we pray you, your face ever new,  
That mirror, mystery laden, of God's infinite mercy.  
Grant that we may contemplate it  
With the eyes of our mind and our hearts:  
The Son's face, radiance of the Father's glory  
And the imprint of his Nature (cf. Hb 1,3),  
The human face of God that has burst into history  
To reveal the horizons of eternity.  
The silent face of Jesus suffering and risen,  
When loved and accepted changes the heart and life.  
"Your face, Lord, do I seek,  
Do not hide your face from me" (Ps.27,8ff).  
How many times through the centuries and millenia  
has not resounded  
The ardent invocation of the Psalmist among  
the faithful! Lord, with faith, we too repeat the same  
invocation: "Man of suffering, as one from whom  
others hide their faces" (Is.53,3), Do not hide your  
face from us! We want to draw from your eyes,  
That look on us with tenderness and compassion.  
The force of love and peace which shows us the way  
of life, And the courage to follow you without fear or  
compromise, So as to be witnesses of your Gospel,  
With concrete signs of acceptance, love and

forgiveness.  
O Holy Face of Christ,  
Light that enlightens the darkness of doubt  
and sadness,  
Life that has defeated forever the force  
of evil and death,  
O inscrutable gaze  
That never ceases to watch over men and people,  
Face concealed in the Eucharistic signs  
And in the faces of those that live with us,  
Make us God's pilgrims in this world,  
Longing for the Infinite and ready for the final  
encounter,  
When we shall see you, Lord, "face to  
face" (1Cor.13,12),  
And be able to contemplate you forever  
in heavenly Glory.  
Mary, Mother of the Holy Face,  
Help us have "hands innocent and a heart pure",  
Hands illumined by the truth of love  
And hearts enraptured by divine beauty,  
That transformed by the encounter with Christ,  
We may gift ourselves to the poor and the suffering,  
Whose faces reflect the hidden presence  
Of your Son Jesus,  
Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen!

Benedict XVI., pp,  
Rome, September 1st 2007, written and sent to the  
Guardian of the Basilica of the Holy Face in  
Manoppello (Italy) in memory of his pilgrimage to  
the Sanctuary a year before, on September 1st, 2006





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“Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.”

Pope Francis

*Enthronements of the Holy Face*  
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