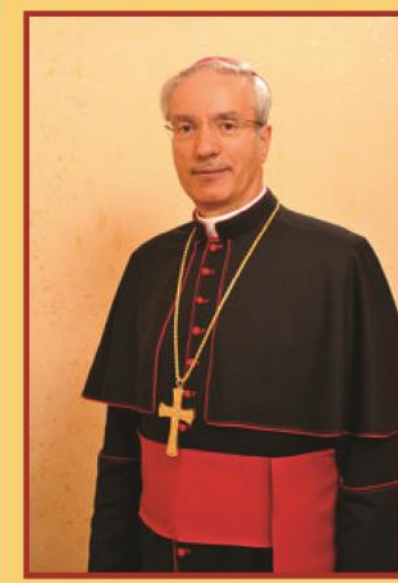


# Miracles of the Eucharist through the Centuries

## 15<sup>th</sup> Century to 21<sup>st</sup> Century



Bishop Raffaello Martinelli, while an Official of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, wrote the Introduction of the 2009 book *The Eucharistic Miracles of the World*. In the book he stated: "Our faith is not founded on Eucharistic miracles... A Christian is not obliged to believe in Eucharistic miracles... In principle however, the believer must not exclude the possibility that God may intervene in an extraordinary way at any given moment, place, event or person... The prudence of the Church in the face of extraordinary phenomena (like Eucharistic miracles) is fully justified [yet] Eucharistic miracles can be useful and fruitful aids to our faith... It is indeed true that the most important and astounding miracle is the one that takes place whenever the Eucharist is celebrated, during which Jesus Christ is present 'in a unique and incomparable way.' He is present in a true, real and substantial way, with His Body and Blood, with His Soul and Divinity."

### 15<sup>th</sup> CENTURY - CONTINUED

**BERGEN, HOLLAND - 1421:** A pastor had experienced doubt about whether the Body and the Blood of Christ was truly present in the consecrated Host. The priest showed no devotion towards the Blessed Sacrament, so much so that one day after celebrating Mass he took the remaining consecrated Hosts and threw them in the river. Some months later, some fisherman found the Hosts floating in the water; they were stained and soaked in coagulated Blood.

**ZARAGOZA, SPAIN - 1427:** A woman stole a consecrated Host to use for a love potion, hiding it in a small coffer which she then took to a sorcerer. Upon opening it, instead of the Host they saw, with great terror, a little Baby surrounded by light. The sorcerer told the woman to burn the coffer which she later did yet the Baby was unharmed. The Bishop had the miraculous Baby processed to the cathedral and while he celebrated Mass the next day, at the words of consecration, a Host appeared where the Baby was. The Bishop immediately consumed the Host.

**ALKMAAR, HOLLAND - 1429:** A priest was celebrating his first Mass and shortly after pronouncing the words of consecration, he accidentally knocked over the chalice, spilling consecrated Wine on the altar and on his chasuble. The Wine was miraculously transformed into Blood.

**LIJON, FRANCE - 1430:** A woman, who had purchased a stolen monstrance containing a Host, decided to use a knife to remove the Host, from which living Blood began to flow. The Blood dried immediately, leaving imprinted on the Host the image of the Lord seated on a semicircular throne with some of the instruments of the Passion at His side. The Host had remained intact for more than 350 years.

**AVIGNON, FRANCE - 1433:** A small church was exposing a consecrated Host for Perpetual Adoration. After days of rain Avignon was submerged. By boat, two friars succeeded in reaching the church where the Holy Sacrament had been left for adoration. When they entered the church, they saw that the waters were divided to the right and to the left, leaving the altar and the Sacrament perfectly dry. The Sacred Host was unscathed.

**ETTISWIL, SWITZERLAND - 1447:** A woman, who was a member of a satanic sect, stole a pyx containing the large Host and as she departed the church, the Host became so heavy that she was unable to carry it any longer and threw the Host away. The Host was found nearby, in the middle of some nettle bushes, lifted high up and surrounded by a vivid light. It was divided into seven Pieces which were joined together so that They looked like a flower.

**TURIN, ITALY - 1453:** A soldier stole a monstrance with the consecrated Host, placed it in a bag and headed for Turin on a mule. The mule later stumbled and fell and the bag fell open and the monstrance with the consecrated Host rose over the surrounding houses. The Bishop went to the site and adored the Eucharist. Meanwhile the monstrance fell onto the ground, leaving the consecrated Host free and shining above as a second sun. The Bishop who was holding a chalice in his hands lifted it up high, and the consecrated Host slowly started coming down and settled in the chalice.

**LA ROCHELLE, FRANCE - 1461:** The Eucharistic miracle involved the instantaneous cure of a boy, paralyzed and mute since the age of seven, when he received Holy Communion at Mass on Easter Sunday. The boy was completely healed of his paralysis and was once again able to speak.

**VOLTERRA, ITALY - 1472:** A soldier entered the Cathedral and took possession of the precious ciborium of ivory containing many consecrated Hosts. As soon as he left the Church, he threw the ciborium with its precious content against a church wall. All the Hosts fell from it, and - illuminated by a mysterious light - elevated into the air and remained suspended for a long time.

### 16<sup>th</sup> CENTURY

**SALZANO, ITALY - 1517:** A priest was bringing Holy Communion to an invalid nearing death. On the way several grazing donkeys turned, approached the priest and bowed on their knees. The donkeys then followed the Most Holy Sacrament all the way to the home of the invalid, renewing the genuflection.

**PONFERRADA, SPAIN - 1533:** A very devout, religious man succumbed to greed and stole to later sell a wooden tabernacle containing a precious silver ciborium with many consecrated Hosts inside. But he became nervous and anxious and threw the tabernacle and consecrated Hosts into a field. With the passing of time and miraculous circumstances (*flashes of light at night and strange doves hovering during the day*) the Hosts were recovered perfectly intact.

**MARSEILLE-EN-BEAUVAIS, FRANCE - 1533:** Thieves stole a ciborium containing some consecrated Hosts from a church and then discarded the Hosts in a field. A strong snow storm followed; however, the next day the Hosts were recovered and miraculously they were found to be in perfect condition.

**ASTI, ITALY - 1535:** During Mass as the priest prepared to break the Host, he noticed that along the entire break, the Host was becoming red with living Blood. Three drops fell into the chalice and a fourth one remained at the extreme end of the Host. Then when he broke off the portion of the Host that had to be placed in the chalice, Blood came out of the Host. When the priest was about to consume the Host, the Blood disappeared at once.

**MORROVALLE, ITALY - 1560:** A huge fire destroyed the church of the Franciscans but spared a large Host contained in a pyx.

**ALCOY, SPAIN - 1568:** A thief stole many sacred objects, among which was a precious silver box containing three consecrated Hosts. The thief consumed the three Hosts immediately and then hid the box in his stable underneath a pile of wood. The pastor discovered that the three hosts were missing and soon afterward assembled all of the people of Alcoy in prayer which eventually led to the pastor recovering the silver box with the three consecrated Hosts. The thief not understanding how the three Hosts were inside the silver box again, repented deeply and confessed the misdeed.

**VEROLI, ITALY - 1570:** The Eucharist was exposed for the Forty Hours devotion and the Child Jesus appeared in the Host and manifested many graces.

**GORKUM-EL ESCORIAL, SPAIN - 1572:** Some Protestant mercenaries entered into the church and plundered it. One of the mercenaries trampled a consecrated Host with a spiked boot, which broke the Blessed Sacrament into three pieces. Live Blood immediately began to drip from these piercings, which in the Hosts formed themselves like three small wounds in the shape of a hoop that is possible to contemplate even today.

**FLORENCE, ITALY - 1595:** On Good Friday, several fragments of the Host were miraculously unharmed in a church fire. In the great commotion, six fragments of consecrated Hosts fell onto the smoldering carpet, but despite the fire these were found intact and joined together.

**ALCALÁ, SPAIN - 1597:** A thief stole consecrated Hosts from a church but days later the thief returned full of profound remorse. The priest who heard his confession had him return the Hosts. Eleven years later the Hosts were still perfectly intact and the Jesuit Provincial had the Hosts placed in a wine cellar with some unconsecrated hosts as a test and a few months later, the unconsecrated hosts had decomposed while the consecrated Hosts remained intact.

### 17<sup>th</sup> CENTURY

**MOGORO, ITALY - 1604:** During Mass two men in mortal sin spit two Hosts on the floor which left imprints of the Hosts on the stone floor which remain to this day. The two men claimed that the Hosts had become as hot as burning embers and that the Blessed Sacrament was burning their tongues.

**FAVERNEY, FRANCE - 1608:** During the night as the Eucharist was exposed for public adoration, a fire destroyed the altar and the sacred furnishings but not the monstrance containing the Sacred Host. The monstrance was retrieved after a few days while it was suspended in the air perfectly intact. A new altar was prepared over the burned one and Holy Mass celebrated. During the elevation of the Host, the monstrance slowly descended upon the new altar.

**ROME, ITALY - 1610:** At Mass a priest was overtaken by doubts about the Real Presence of Jesus in the consecrated Host and immediately after the Consecration, he inadvertently let the Host fall to the ground where the imprint of and Blood stain left by a Host is still visible today.

**CANOSIO, ITALY - 1630:** A river flooded because of a torrential rainfall and the town faced destruction. The church pastor exhorted the people to pray and he placed the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance and processed it towards the raging flood. After he blessed the raging waters, the rain stopped at once and the flood waters peaked and returned to their normal level. This incident revived the faith of the townspeople and there were many conversions.

**DRONERO, ITALY - 1631:** A fire spread to the town and every attempt to extinguish the flames proved useless. A Capuchin friar inspired by his great love of the Blessed Sacrament, took the monstrance containing the large Host and in procession walked to where the fire was raging. The fire at once subsided.

**TURIN, ITALY - 1640:** During an Army invasion, the soldiers entered a church and killed many civilians but the lives of the Capuchin friars were spared. The soldiers trashed the church, committing brutal acts of debauchery. One soldier succeeded in opening the tabernacle containing a ciborium with several consecrated Hosts. Flames of fire miraculously blazed out to envelop him, burning his face and his clothing.

**PRESSAC, FRANCE - 1643:** A chalice in which a consecrated Host had been placed was completely fused after a fire in the church on Holy Thursday. The only thing remaining of the chalice was the foot of the chalice on which had formed a tin bubble under which the Host was found completely intact.

**ETEN, PERU - 1649:** Two related Eucharistic miracles happened in the same year. The first being an apparition of the Divine Child in the Most Holy Sacrament. This took place during the Vespers and the solemn exposition in honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi where in the Host there appeared the brilliant face of a Child, framed by thick brown curls falling to the shoulders. The second apparition took place a few days later when in a Host exposed for public adoration, there appeared the Child Jesus and three interconnected hearts of a brilliant white color.

**CAVA DEI TIRRENI, ITALY - 1656:** A terrible epidemic of the plague spread through countryside to the city gates. There were thousands of victims but a priest was spared and divinely inspired to lead the people in a procession of reparation. When they arrived at the summit of the mountain, the priest blessed city with the Blessed Sacrament and the epidemic miraculously stopped.

**MONTSERRAT, SPAIN - 1657:** A daughter begged an Abbot to celebrate three Masses in memory of her deceased father. She was convinced that these Masses would free the soul of her father from the pains of purgatory. The visions and events that followed at the Masses gave credence to her belief.

**LES ULMES, FRANCE - 1668:** The Blessed Sacrament was exposed for adoration and as the pastor began to incense the monstrance and the hymn Pange Lingua was sung, the shape of a man appeared in the monstrance in place of the Host. This apparition lasted for more than a quarter of an hour.

### 18<sup>th</sup> CENTURY

**ASTI, ITALY - 1718:** The second miracle of Asti occurred when the priest elevated the Host at the Consecration of the Mass and the Host divided into two Parts and the priest found the two Parts tainted by Blood. The bottom of the cup also had Blood and little stains were on the corporal.

**SIENA, ITALY - 1730:** Thieves stole a chalice containing 351 consecrated Hosts but 3 days later all the Hosts were found intact in another church's alms box. The Hosts have not changed in appearance as they are still fresh, intact, uncorrupted, chemically pure, and do not present any sign of alteration.

**SCALA, ITALY - 1732:** For more than three consecutive months, there appeared signs of Our Lord's Passion in the consecrated Hosts. This marvelous event took place during exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament in the presence of numerous witnesses, among whom was St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori.

**PATIERNO (NAPLES), ITALY - 1772:** Thieves stole a certain number of consecrated Hosts that were found a month later underneath some manure yet the Sacred Hosts were completely intact. The appearance of mysterious lights and a dove made it possible to see where the Hosts were buried.

### 19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY

**BORDEAUX, FRANCE - 1822:** Immediately after benediction with the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus appeared in the Host that was exposed for public adoration and He was giving a blessing that a great number of the faithful who were present were able to contemplate for more than twenty minutes.

**ONIL, SPAIN - 1824:** A pyx containing a consecrated Host was stolen from a parish church. Days later a woman from the nearby town recovered the stolen pyx with the consecrated Host inside in the middle of a field. To this day the consecrated Host has remained intact in spite of the 182 years that have passed.

**BLESSED ANNE CATHERINE EMMERICH - 19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY:** Blessed Anne Catherine was a mystic who experienced many visions and also received the stigmata. A miraculous aspect of her life was that for over 10 years she fed only on the Eucharist.

**SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ - 19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY:** While making Eucharistic Adoration, St. Catherine Labouré had the famous apparition of the Blessed Mother concerning the Miraculous Medal, who told her, "Have a medal of this style coined; those who wear it around their neck will receive great graces." She also had the grace of seeing Jesus in the consecrated Host, at both the moment of Holy Communion and during the Exposition of the Holy Sacrament.

**ST. JOHN BOSCO - 19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY:** Saint John Bosco was always very devoted to the Eucharist and he wrote often of the importance of this sacrament. Biographies of the Saint recount that in 1848, during a Mass celebrated in honor of the Feast of the Annunciation, he had only eight Sacred Hosts to distribute Holy Communion to 360 young people yet the Hosts were multiplied enabling him to give Holy Communion to all the people.

**SAINT BERNADETTE & LOURDES, FRANCE - 19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY:** In 1856 the Blessed Mother appeared to 12-year old Bernadette at Lourdes, France. The Marian shrine at Lourdes went on to become a major pilgrimage site, attracting over five million pilgrims of all denominations each year. The sick make pilgrimages to Lourdes where they are blessed by the Holy Sacrament. Countless pilgrims have been cured of illnesses during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Sanctuary of Lourdes is a clear example of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

### 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY

**MORNE-ROUGE, CARIBBEAN ISLAND OF MARTINIQUE - 1902:** The village was spared from a volcano's devastating fury as the inhabitants asked Our Lady of Deliverance for help. The parish priest gave a general absolution, distributed Holy Communion, and then exposed the Blessed Sacrament for adoration. At a certain point, a large number of people witnessed the apparition of Jesus in the Host, showing His Sacred Heart crowned with thorns.

**SAINT-ANDRÉ DE LA RÉUNION, REUNION ISLANDS - 1902:** During the Consecration of the Mass that followed a Forty Hours Devotion of the Most Holy Sacrament, the face of Jesus with the crown of thorns and a most dolorous facial expression, appeared in the Host. This was witnessed for many hours by thousands of people as adoration continued after the Mass. The vision changed at times, becoming animated and later a crucifix appeared that covered the Host from top to bottom. After the Eucharistic blessing and recital of the Tantum Ergo, the vision disappeared as the adoration ended.

**TUMACO, COLOMBIA - 1906:** The small island of Tumaco was spared when the Blessed Sacrament was carried in procession to the edge of the ocean shore and this was credited with halting the oncoming, earthquake-caused tsunamis from destroying the island.

**SILLA, SPAIN - 1907:** Some Hosts, stolen by unknown thieves, were recovered in perfect condition. They were hidden under a stone in a little garden not far from the city. The Hosts remain intact and preserved.

**SAN MAURO LA BRUCA, ITALY - 1969:** Some thieves broke into the parish church and pried open the tabernacle taking a ciborium containing many consecrated Hosts. After leaving the church, they emptied the ciborium, throwing the Hosts on a footpath. The following morning, a child noticed the pile of Hosts at the intersection of the road and gathered them up and immediately gave them to the pastor.

**ALEXANDRINA MARIA DA COSTA - 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY:** Alexandrina remained paralyzed for 30 years after being seriously injured protecting her purity. She was devoted to Our Lord and in addition to physical sufferings from the paralysis, mystical sufferings were added as for four years, every Friday she saw the sorrows of the Passion, and after this period, for another 13 years until her death she was nourished only by the Eucharist.

**TERESA NEUMANN - 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY:** Teresa Neumann's life changed radically after her miraculous recovery from paralysis and total blindness at the age of 25. About a year later, she received the stigmata and began fasting, which lasted 36 years until her death. Her only nourishment for 36 years was the Holy Eucharist and every Friday she would be drenched in Blood while she was in ecstasy, experiencing the Passion of Christ.

**SERVANT OF GOD MARTHE ROBIN - 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY:** Marthe Robin was a French peasant who for thirty years took neither food nor drink, nourishing herself instead on the Eucharist alone, and every Friday she relived the pains of the Passion of Jesus through her stigmata.

**BETANIA, VENEZUELA - 1991:** At the Communion Rite of the Mass after the priest broke and consumed one of the four pieces of the large Host, he saw blood emanating from one of the three Pieces left on the paten as if from a wound. When the priest checked the Host the next day, the Piece continued to bleed. The Blood was human, type AB but not matching that of the priest.

**BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA - 1992:** After Mass a Eucharistic minister found two pieces of consecrated Host on the corporal and placed them in water but they did not dissolve. Seven days later the pieces had become red in color like blood. On May 10th drops of blood were noticed on patens while Communion being distributed. Later a woman who was a parishioner and a doctor discovered that the blood was of human origin and also found active white blood cells indicating the blood was from a living person.

**BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA - 1994:** When a pyx was removed from the tabernacle, there was a drop of blood running along the side of the pix.

**BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA - 1996:** A soiled Host was placed in holy water to dissolve as proscribed by the Church yet a few days later the Eucharistic minister opened the tabernacle and found what appeared to be blood on the Host. A later in-depth, scientific investigation indicated the presence of human blood and DNA but the genetic profile could not be obtained. The Host contained living human heart tissue with both red and white blood cells. The heart tissue indicated the person had experienced severe trauma. Pope Francis initiated the investigation after he became the Archbishop of Buenos Aires.

### 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY

**CHIRATTAKONAM, INDIA - 2001:** In the parish church the Most Holy Sacrament was exposed in the monstrance for public adoration. After a few moments three dots appeared in the Holy Eucharist. Then, after being in the Tabernacle for a week, on the Host there was now the likeness of a man similar to that of Christ crowned with thorns. As adoration began and minutes went by, the image became more and more clear.

**TIXTLA, MEXICO - 2006:** During the Mass an effusion of a reddish substance was noted from a consecrated Host. The Bishop, aware of the Buenos Aires investigation, initiated a similar investigation headed by the same Doctor. The scientific investigation concluded that the bleeding Host contained living human heart tissue with red and white blood cells. The results also indicated that the person had experienced severe trauma. There was also human DNA but the genetic profile could not be obtained. The blood type was AB.

**SOKÓŁKA, POLAND - 2008:** During Holy Communion the priest dropped a Host and thinking that it was soiled placed it in a vessel of holy water to dissolve which was then stored in a safe with other sacred items. A week later most of the Host had dissolved yet some red clots were joined to the Host center. A scientific investigation soon followed and reported living human heart tissue in a condition found just prior to death and that the tissue was inextricably woven in with the Host and that it should have already dissolved in water.

**LEGNICA, POLAND - 2013:** During Mass on Christmas day, a consecrated Host, which had just been dipped in consecrated wine, was accidentally dropped on the floor. Following protocol, the Host was placed in a bowl of tap water to dissolve and then reserved in the locked tabernacle. When inspected on January 4th, a crescent-shaped portion of the Host had become stained a reddish color, and a few days later, it became detached from the still dissolving Host. The inexplicable findings included the presence of human heart muscle tissue and human DNA but a genetic profile was unobtainable. Human mitochondrial DNA was present that indicated source was of Middle Eastern origin.

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