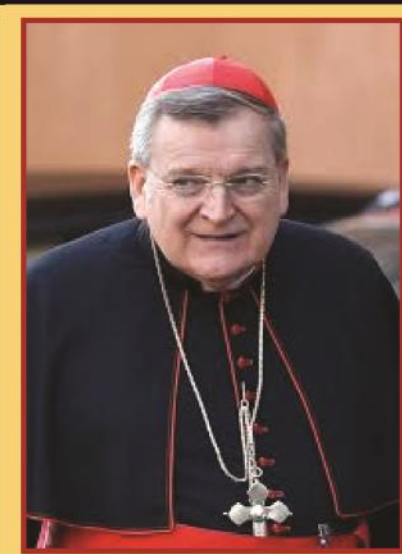


Miracles of the Eucharist through the Centuries

4th Century into 15th Century



In 2006 Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke, the then Archbishop of St. Louis, wrote that each of the miracles included in the Vatican International Exhibition as of that time were “venerated at a shrine, all of which have approved by the Diocesan Bishop and some of which have the approval of the Holy See.” He further wrote that: “The piety and devotion surrounding the Eucharistic miracles down the Christian centuries have borne their richest fruit in the total love of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and in the readiness to give one’s life for love of our Eucharistic Lord. The devout study of the Eucharistic miracles inspires in us a deeper awareness and more ardent love of our Lord’s Real Presence with us in the Holy Eucharist... What can bring us greater joy and peace than to draw near to our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament?” The Cardinal’s words were published in the Foreword of the 2009 book *“The Eucharistic Miracles of the World”*.

4TH THROUGH 12TH CENTURIES

SCETE, EGYPT - 300-500: A monk had doubts regarding the Real Presence of Jesus in the bread and wine consecrated at Mass. But at the consecration during a Sunday Mass, in the place of the Host, he saw the Infant Jesus instead along with an angel with a sword who then pierced Jesus. Later in the Mass when the priest broke the Host, Blood ran into the chalice.

ROME, CIRCA 595 - ITALY: A Roman noblewoman began to laugh because she had doubts about the Real Presence of Christ in the consecrated Bread and Wine. The Pope, troubled by her disbelief, decided not to give her Communion and then the Bread turned into Flesh and Blood.

LANCIANO, ITALY - CIRCA 750: A priest doubted whether the Body of Our Lord was truly present in the consecrated Host. Once during Mass as he said the words of consecration, he saw the host turn into Flesh and the wine turn into Blood. A 1970 investigation found flesh, human living heart tissue with fresh blood, blood type AB and Blood divided into five unequal parts which together have the exact same weight as each one does separately.

TRANI, ITALY - 11TH CENTURY: A non-Christian woman, who did not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and aided by Christian friends, managed to steal a consecrated Host during a Mass. Later at her home, she put the consecrated Host into a frying pan of oil and suddenly the Host became Bloody Flesh and hemorrhaged, so to speak, spilling out masses of Blood which would not stop flowing.

ST. PETER DAMIAN, ITALY - 11TH CENTURY: A sorceress asked a woman to bring her a consecrated Host. During Communion the woman managed to hide a Host in her handkerchief. The priest noticed and ran after the woman and had her open the handkerchief. They then saw that half of the stolen Particle had been transformed into Flesh and the other half looked like the Host.

IVORRA, SPAIN - 1010: A parish priest doubted the reality of transubstantiation. While he celebrated Mass, a miracle suddenly occurred: the wine in the chalice was converted into Blood and poured onto the altar cloth and then flowed onto the ground.

BETTBRUNN, GERMANY - 1125: A very pious farmer who in an excess of zeal stole a sacred Host and brought it to his farm where one day it fell to the ground. Neither the farmer nor anyone else could pick up the Host until the Bishop succeeded but only after promising the Lord that he would build a church in honor of the Blessed Sacrament.

FERRARA, ITALY - 1171: At the moment of breaking the consecrated Host at an Easter Sunday Mass, a priest saw that Blood gushed from the Host, staining the ceiling of the crypt above the altar with droplets.

AUGSBURG, GERMANY - 1194: A stolen Host was transformed into bleeding Flesh, appearing divided into two Parts connected together by thin threads of bleeding Flesh. Later the miracle continued as the Host began to grow and to swell up and this phenomenon lasted before the eyes of all from Easter Sunday until the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

13TH CENTURY

BENNINGEN, GERMANY - 1216: One man exasperated by yet another argument with his neighbor received Holy Communion and then took the consecrated Host and hid it among the stones of the mill of his neighbor with the intent of slandering him. Later the Host began to bleed so profusely that all of the village and the Bishop learned about it. The blasphemous man repented and confess his misdeed.

MEERSSEN, HOLLAND - 1222: In 1222 and 1465, two miracles occurred with the first during Holy Mass, when living Blood dripped from the large Host and stained the corporal. The second occurred in 1465, when a farmer rescued the relic of the first miracle from a fire that had destroyed the church.

Rimini, ITALY - 1227: Saint Anthony was challenged by a faithless Catharist heretic who told the saint: *“I will believe in the Eucharist if my mule, after fasting for three days, adores the Host which you offer him rather than eating the fodder which I give him.”* On the chosen day in the main town plaza, the mule, despite the fact that it was exhausted by hunger, knelt before the consecrated Host contained in a monstrance and refused its food.

ALATRI, ITALY - 1228: A consecrated Host, hidden in a cloth and stolen during Mass to make a love potion, transformed into bleeding flesh.

FLORENCE, ITALY - 1230: A distracted priest left several drops of consecrated wine in the chalice after Mass. The next day he found in the chalice drops of living Blood coagulated and incarnated. The Blood was immediately placed in a crystal chalice.

CARAVACA DE LA CRUZ, SPAIN - 1231: A missionary priest needed a crucifix to celebrate a Mass for a Moorish king and miraculously it appeared as well as the Baby Jesus in the place of the Host. Thanks to this apparition, the Muslim king of Murcia and his family were converted to Catholicism.

DAROCA, SPAIN - 1239: A few minutes after the Consecration of a Mass celebrated before a battle of the Spanish against the Moors, a surprise enemy attack obliged the priest to suspend the Mass and hide the consecrated Hosts amid the sacred linens of the celebration. The Spanish were victorious and the commanders asked to receive the Hosts that were previously consecrated but the Hosts were found completely covered in Blood. The triumph was attributed to the Eucharistic miracle.

SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI, ITALY - 1240: Saint Clare performed a famous miracle when she turned away an attack by Saracen soldiers, who had broken into the convent cloister. She prayed for the Lord’s protection of the sisters in the cloister as well as the city and then strengthened by the Lord’s words, she showed the Saracens the Sacred Host and the soldiers took flight fleeing back over the walls, unnerved by the strength of she who prayed.

SANTARÉM, PORTUGAL - 1247: A sorceress told a woman to go to the church and steal a consecrated Host to use for a love potion. She hid the Host in a linen cloth that immediately became stained with Blood and ran home, opened the cloth and saw that the Blood was gushing from the Host. She then stored the Particle in a drawer in her bedroom but at night the drawer emitted brilliant rays of light which illuminated the room as if it were daytime.

ST. JOHN OF THE ABBESSE, SPAIN - 1251: In 1251 an impressively beautiful wooden statue of Jesus on the cross was placed in a monastery church and a consecrated Host was placed in a sealed depression in Jesus’ forehead. The memory of this was lost in time but in 1426, while working to restore the statue, the cavity in the forehead was discovered and the Host consecrated in 1251 was found, totally uncorrupted.

DOUAL, FRANCE - 1254: A consecrated Host was unintentionally dropped while a priest was distributing Communion to the faithful. He immediately bent down to pick up the Host but it lifted up in flight and lighted upon the purificator. A little later, a wonderful Child appeared there for all present at the Mass to contemplate. Later the Dean of the church saw the face of Christ crowned with thorns with two drops of Blood descending upon His forehead.

REGENSBURG, GERMANY - 1255: A priest was assailed by doubts concerning the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist during the Holy Mass. At the moment he was elevating the chalice, the wooden crucifix above the tabernacle came to life, and the Lord slowly extended his arms to the priest, took the chalice from his hands and exhibited the Holy Eucharist for adoration of the faithful.

BOLSENA, ITALY - 1263: A priest found it difficult to accept that Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host. While celebrating Holy Mass he spoke the words of consecration and immediately Blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands and onto the altar. The Pope had the matter investigated and this led to the Host being placed in the cathedral and a year later the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted.

OFFIDA, ITALY - 1273: A witch advised a woman seeking to recover the affection of her husband to steal a consecrated Host, turn it to powder and add the powder to her husband’s food. The woman did so but the particles of the Host transformed into living Flesh. She then placed a jar with the Host under the manure in the husband’s stable but every time the husband’s donkey entered, it would genuflect toward the place where the miraculous Host was buried.

KRANENBURG, GERMANY - 1280: A shepherd, who was not able to swallow the Holy Eucharist because of an illness, threw the sacred Host near a tree. Later, the tree was cut in half and a perfectly carved crucifix fell to the ground. On the place where the crucifix was found, a church was built.

GLOTOWO, POLAND - 1290: Due to an enemy invasion, a priest buried in a field a silver and gold ciborium with a consecrated Host mistakenly still in it. The enemy destroyed the village and none of the survivors knew about the hidden Host. Some years later, a farmer while plowing found it by chance, thanks to his oxen’s strange behavior who had bowed to the ground in adoration of the Host which was emanating a very bright light. The Host as white as snow.

PARIS, FRANCE - 1290: A man, who hated the Catholic Faith and did not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, gained possession of a consecrated Host with the intent to desecrate. He stabbed the Host and threw the Blessed Sacrament into boiling water but miraculously the Host came out of the water hovering in mid-air, and then taking the form of a crucifix.

GRUARO (VALVASONE), ITALY - 1294: A woman was washing one of the altar linens in the public wash house of Versiola when she saw the altar linen become tinged with Blood. Observing more closely, she noted that the Blood was flowing from a consecrated Particle remaining among the folds of the cloth.

GERONA, SPAIN - 1297: A priest doubted the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist during the celebration of the Mass. But when the time for Communion arrived, the priest did not succeed in swallowing the Host, which had transformed into Flesh in his mouth.

14TH CENTURY

BREDA-NIERVAART, HOLLAND - 1300: During pillage by Spanish army troops, a soldier stole a consecrated Host which was found a short while later by a farmer. As the farmer hoed and lifted a lump of earth, he found a completely intact Host in perfect condition and gave it to his pastor.

O’CEBREIRO, SPAIN - 1300: As a priest, who did not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, was saying Mass, the Host changed to Flesh and the wine changed to Blood and was expelled from the chalice, staining the corporal.

FIECHT, AUSTRIA - 1310: After the Consecration of the Mass, the priest was seized with doubt regarding the Real Presence of Jesus in the consecrated Elements. Suddenly the wine changed into Blood and began to boil and overflow the chalice. In 1480, after 170 years, the Sacred Blood was still fresh as though coming out of a wound.

HERKENRODE-HASSETT, BELGIUM - 1317: A pastor brought Holy Communion to a sick parishioner. Without his knowing, one of the family members opened the pyx and put his fingers into it and then closed it. When the priest opened the pyx, he saw that the Host was stained with Blood. Troubled, he left with the pyx and along the road a flock of farm animals knelt as the Host passed by. Later the face of Christ crowned with thorns appeared on the Host.

WALLDÜRN, GERMANY - 1330: At Mass, a priest accidentally overturned the Sacred Species of the consecrated Wine onto the corporal. The Sacred Blood formed an Image of the Crucified Christ on the corporal. The relic of the corporal with the Blood is preserved today.

CASCIA, ITALY - 1330: A priest was asked to bring Communion to a sick peasant and he took a consecrated Host which he irreverently placed in the pages of his breviary. Upon arriving at the house and after hearing the man’s confession, he opened the book and found that the Host was stained with living blood.

BLANOT, FRANCE - 1331: During Communion, a Host fell to a cloth that was held below the communicant’s mouth but instead of finding the Host on the cloth, the priest saw a small spot of Blood. After Mass he placed the stained cloth in clear water and after washing and scrubbing the spot numerous times, the priest found that it had become darker and larger (*reaching about the size and shape of a Host*). Moreover, the water in the basin turned Bloody.

STIPHOUT, HOLLAND - 1342: In a storm a lightning bolt struck the village, setting it on fire which spread to the interior of its church. It was impossible to enter the church but a man was lowered down through the window and saw that the flames which had already destroyed the whole church were being kept away from the area around the tabernacle. The tabernacle was opened and the ciborium containing the consecrated Hosts was carried to safety.

AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND - 1345: A gravely sick man had received Holy Communion at home. He later vomited everything into a basin whose contents were thrown into a flaming fireplace. The next day the man was restored to health but his caretaker noticed a strange light centered on the still intact Host. The man brought the Host to his priest yet three times the priest had to return to the man’s house to recover the Host that miraculously re-appeared there. The home became a chapel for the Host but in 1452 fire destroyed the chapel but strangely the monstrance containing the miraculous Host remained intact.

KRAKOW, POLAND - 1345: Thieves stole a monstrance containing consecrated Hosts but abandoned them in a marsh. Later, a mysterious light emanated from the spot where the treasure had been abandoned. Frightened villagers reported to the Bishop who called for three days of fasting and prayer. On the third day, he led a procession out to the marsh. There, they found the monstrance and within it they found unbroken Hosts, the source of the unusual lights.

ALBORAYA-ÁLMACERA, SPAIN - 1348: A priest on his way to visit some sick people in order to bring them Communion, slipped in the waters of a small river he was crossing and overturned the ciborium containing some consecrated Hosts. After the priest resigned himself to the loss, he heard fishermen calling him to come and see several fish with discs in their mouths which appeared to be Hosts. The Hosts were immediately recovered.

MACERATA, ITALY - 1356: A priest began to doubt the Real Presence of Jesus in the consecrated Host. Precisely at the moment in which he broke the Host at the Communion Rite of a Mass, he saw an abundance of Blood flow from the Host which stained part of the corporal as well as the chalice placed on the altar. In this city 200 years later the pious practice of the Forty Hours Devotion was established.

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM - 1370: On Good Friday desecrators slashed stolen Hosts with knives as a way of showing their rebellion and hatred at things Catholic and the Hosts began to bleed. The desecrators were badly frightened and entrusted the Hosts to an important Catholic merchant who revealed the whole story to the curate of the Church of Notre Dame who took possession of the Hosts.

CIMBALLA, SPAIN - 1370: A pastor, who had been plagued for months by doubt concerning the Eucharist, was assaulted during the Mass with a strong doubt about the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. During a Sunday Mass, after having pronounced the words of the consecration, the priest saw Blood flowing from the Host which had transformed into flesh; so much so that the altar-linens were saturated.

MIDDLEBURG-LOVANO, BELGIUM - 1374: A man approached the altar for Holy Communion superficially and upon receiving the Host on his tongue, the Sacrament changed into bleeding Flesh. At once he took the Particle from the man’s mouth and Blood dripped from the Sacred Flesh onto the cloth covering the altar rail. The priest realized at once what was happening and carefully placed the miraculous Particle in a vessel inside the tabernacle.

BOXTEL-HOOGSTRATEN, HOLLAND - 1380: A priest was celebrating Mass and immediately after the Consecration he inadvertently knocked over the chalice containing consecrated white Wine, which immediately changed into Blood and stained the corporal and the altar cloth.

WILSNACK, GERMANY - 1383: During a terrible fire that exploded in the village, among the ruins of the parish church were found three completely intact Hosts, which bled continuously. After recovering the Bleeding Hosts, numerous miracles began to be verified.

SEEFELD, AUSTRIA - 1384: A nobleman expected that the priest would give him Communion with the large Host. At the moment he was about to receive Communion, the ground began to tremble under him, and this prompted the priest to remove the Host from the nobleman’s mouth and as he was returning the Host to the altar, live Blood began to flow from the Sacred Species.

MONCADA, SPAIN - 1392: In the schism at the end of the 14th century, the French cardinals elected an antipope which caused many priests to doubt the validity of their priestly ordination. But at this parish, the Baby Jesus appeared in the Sacred Host to dissipate such doubts of a priest.

POZNAN, POLAND - 1399: Desecrators stole three consecrated Hosts and pierced them with pointed instruments. A copious amount of Blood dripped from the Hosts splashing the face of a blind girl who immediately regained her sight. The scoundrels then threw the Hosts into a swamp but the Hosts rose in the air, giving off powerful rays of light. After ardent prayers the bishop was able to recover the Hosts which descended into a pyx as he held it in his hands.

15TH CENTURY

BOXMEER, HOLLAND - 1400: A priest doubted the Real Presence of Jesus in the Host and Wine but immediately after the Consecration of a Mass, the Precious Blood began bubbling out of the chalice as if boiling and onto the corporal. As the priest then asked God to forgive his doubts, the Blood immediately stopped bubbling out of the chalice. The Blood that had fallen on the corporal coagulated into a lump the size of a walnut.

BOIS-SEIGNEUR-ISAAC, BELGIUM - 1405: During a Mass as the priest unfolded the corporal, he saw there was a Particle of the large Host that had been consecrated a week earlier. He sought to consume the Host but it clung to the corporal and began to bleed. For the next four days, the Blood continued to flow until staining the entire corporal. The Blood coagulated little by little and dried up.

LUBREG, CROATIA - 1411: During Mass a priest doubted whether the Body and Blood of Christ were really present in the Eucharistic species but immediately after being consecrated, the Wine turned into Blood.

WEITEN-RAXENDORF, AUSTRIA - 1411: A thief stole a consecrated Host but it fell unnoticed to the ground as he departed on horseback. Later, a pious woman passed by the spot and saw the Host encircled in a strong light and that it was broken in two Parts and joined together by threads of Bleeding Flesh.

HERENTALS, BELGIUM - 1412: Five Hosts that had been previously stolen were found after eight days, and perfectly intact in spite of the rain. The Hosts were found in a field near a rabbit burrow, surrounded by a bright light and arranged in the form of a cross.

BAGNO DI ROMAGNA, ITALY - 1412: During Mass, the priest was assailed by doubts about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist but when he had just pronounced the words of consecration of the wine, it was transformed into living Blood and began to flow from the chalice and fall onto the corporal.

ERDING, GERMANY - 1417: On Holy Thursday a peasant stole a consecrated Host, which, in the course of his journey, escaped from his hands and flew away in the air. He tried in vain to catch the Sacred Host. It was only thanks to the direct intervention of the Bishop that the Host was recovered.

GUADALUPE, SPAIN - 1420: A priest with deep devotion for the Eucharist was being brutally tempted to doubt the reality of transubstantiation. But all of his doubts disappeared as he began to celebrate his daily Mass and at the moment of the Consecration, he saw a dense cloud come down from above and settle itself above the altar. He implored the Lord to remove his doubts. Slowly the cloud began to reduce itself and he saw the Host lifted above the chalice and abundant drops of Blood began to fall that immediately replenished the chalice and even overflowed, pouring out onto the corporal and the pall.

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