

The Eucharistic Miracle of Glotowo

Poland, 1290

In 1290, Lithuanian troops invaded Poland. A priest from the Polish village of Glotowo buried a gold-plated silver ciborium in a field. Inside the ciborium was a consecrated Host which he had left there by mistake. The Lithuanian troops destroyed the village and the church. None of the survivors knew about the hidden Host. Only a number of years later, while plowing the field in the spring, a farmer found the ciborium by chance, thanks to the strange behavior of his oxen. They had bowed to the ground in adoration of the Host, which was emitting a very bright light.

The oldest documents describing the miracle narrate that “some oxen were pulling a plow, behind which a farmer was walking. The sun was setting on the horizon, creating long shadows. The man lifted his eyes and prodded the animals which, after a long day’s work, were going slowly up the hill. *After so much work*, the farmer thought, *we will have bread*. All of a sudden, the plow got stuck, the oxen pulled harder, and on the side they turned over a big clod of earth.

“The animals stopped as if frozen. At first the farmer scolded the beasts, yet he paused, surprised at the sudden change in the atmosphere around him. The field was lit up as if it were noon, and a very intense light was coming from the ground, shining on the kneeling oxen. The farmer began to dig and noticed that the bright light was coming from a little ciborium covered with dirt. It contained a perfect Host as white as snow.”

News of the extraordinary event spread rapidly among the people, who immediately rushed to the site. The local authorities organized a solemn procession to bring the Host to the church in Dobre Miastro, through according to an old chronicle, inexplicably, the Host disappeared and was found at the same spot as the first time. The event was interpreted as a sigh from above, and a little church dedicated to Corpus Christi was built on that spot.

The popularity of Glotowo grew through the centuries, and in the 18th century the old medieval church was enlarged and consecrated by Bishop Krysztof Potocki on July 24, 1726. Even today, every year the shrine of Glotowo attracts numerous pilgrims who come to venerate the Host, which has remained intact since 1290.

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The Eucharistic Miracle of Alboraya-Almacera

Spain, 1348



In 1348, in the town of Alboraya-Almacera, a Eucharistic miracle occurred which brings to mind episodes in the life of Saint Francis. These events show how, if men were to fully live in the grace of God, all creatures would live in harmony.

A priest, carrying a ciborium containing Viaticum (the Eucharist) destined for some sick people, was crossing a river on mule-back when he was suddenly swept off his mount by a rushing wave. The priest tumbled into the water along with his ciborium, which was emptied of its precious Contents.

The Hosts fell out and were carried away by the current towards the mouth of the river nearby. The priest, who had barely escaped being drowned, heard the voices of some fishermen calling to him to come and see, “in the place where the water of the river mix with those of the sea,” three fish, each with little white disk in its mouth. The fishermen were very perplexed because the three disks looked like Communion Hosts.

The priest immediately ran to the church and returned to the river bank with another ciborium. Great was his joy when he saw that the three remarkable fish were there, almost completely out of the water, lifting the Hosts intact with their mouths, like little trophies. He fell to his knees, and holding out the chalice, prayed as he had never prayed before in his entire life; then, he saw the fish deposit the Hosts into the chalice, one after the other, and then dive and slither rapidly back into the water to disappear into the sea. Only at that moment did the priest notice that he was surrounded by a group of people who had witnessed the entire scene.

Today one can still consult numerous documents testifying to the miracle. There is a small church, with two fish carved on the door, built on the side of the miracle, and two painting depicting the entire event.

The Eucharistic Miracle of Alcala *Spain, 1597*

In 1597, a penitent thief went to confession at the Jesuit church in Alcala. He said he had been part of a band of Moorish marauders from the nearby mountains who had sacked numerous churches and stolen monstrance's and other sacred objects in various towns, committing many sacrileges. The penitent brought with him some consecrated Hosts, which he handed over to the confessor with many tears. The confessor, very moved, immediately went to his superior to inform him. Initially it was agreed that they would consume the Hosts during a Mass; but later, fearing that the Hosts might have been poisoned as had recently happened in Murcia and Segovia, they decided to keep the Hosts in a silver casket and allow Them to decompose natural.

Eleven years later the 24 Hosts were found still intact. The ascetic Fr. Luis de la Palma, in his capacity as Provincial, ordered that the Hosts be placed in an underground cellar along with some unconsecrated hosts. A few months later, the *unconsecrated* hosts had decomposed from the humidity, while the *consecrated* Hosts had remained intact. Six years later, Fr. De la Palma decided to make public the miracle of the Hosts that were still intact. New academic and medical tests were carried out by His Majesty's personal physician, Garcia Carrera, as well as by numerous illustrious theologians, all of whom considered this a true miracle.

In 1619 ecclesiastical authorities officially authorized devotion to the miracle. The Sacred Hosts were publicly adored by King Phillip III, who in 1620 presided over a solemn procession in which the whole royal family participated. When Charles III later expelled the Jesuits from Spain, the Hosts were moved to the magisterial church. In 1936, when the Communists revolutionaries burned the church, the priests managed to hide the miraculous Hosts just prior to being murdered. However, to this day the Hosts have not been found. There have been many searches in the church and in the crypt, all to no avail. As yet no one has come forward with any news to the whereabouts of the 24 Hosts. "God has performed a new miracle!" exclaimed the wise historian of the city, Fr. Anselmo Raymundo Tornero.

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Nourished on the Eucharist Alone for Over 13 Years *Bl. Alexandrina Maria de Costa*



Alexandrina Maria was born in Balasar, Portugal, on March 30, 1904. At age 14, in order to escape an attack by three men and to maintain her purity, she jumped from a window. The consequences of this were terrible, though not immediate. Several years later, she was bedridden from

a progressive paralysis, from which she suffered the remaining 30 years of her life. Yet she did not despair, but entrusted herself to Jesus with these words: "As You are a prisoner in the tabernacle, and I, according to Your will, am a prisoner in my bed, we can keep each other company." She began to have ever more powerful mystical experiences, and from Friday, October 3, 1938, until March 24, 1942, she relived the sufferings of the Passion 182 times.

From 1942 until her death, Alexandrina was nourished by the Eucharist alone, and during a period of observation at Foce del Douro Hospital near Oporto, for forty days and forty nights she was under supervision by several doctors in her absolute fast and her condition of *anuria* (absence of urine). After 10 long years of paralysis which she offered as Eucharistic reparation and for the conversion of sinners, on July 30, 1935, Jesus appeared to her saying: "I have put you in the world so that you may draw life only from Me, to bear witness to the world how precious the Eucharist is... The strongest chain that keeps souls in bondage to Satan is the flesh and sins of impurity. Never has there been such a spread of vice, wickedness and crime as there is today! Never has there been so much sin.... **The Eucharist—My Body and Blood—Behold, the Eucharist is the salvation of the world..**"

Mary also appeared to Alexandrina on September 12, 1949, with the Rosary in her hand, saying to her, "**The world is in agony, dying in sin. I desire prayer and penance. Protect all whom you love and the whole world with this, my Rosary.**"

On October 13, 1955, the anniversary of the last apparition of the Blessed Mother at Fatima, Alexandrina was heard exclaiming: "I'm happy because I'm going to heaven." She died at 7:30 in the evening that very day.