

## Introduction to

### *The Eucharistic Miracles of the World*

Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J. defines a miracle for us in his *Modern Catholic Dictionary* as "A sensibly perceptible effect, surpassing at least the powers of visible nature, produced by God to witness to some truth or testify to someone's sanctity."

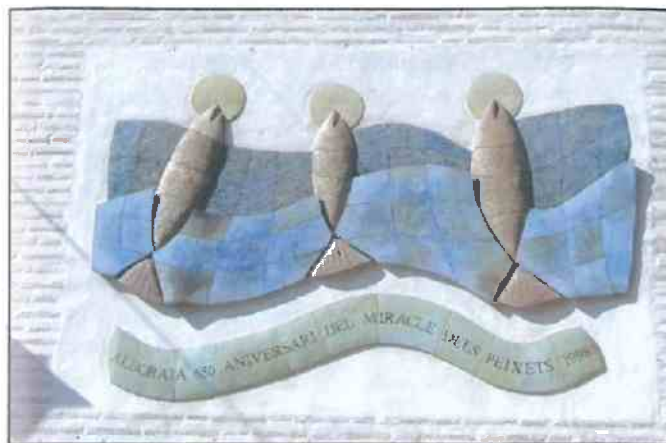
"The Real Presence of Jesus Christ with His glorified Body is beyond the realm of purely sensory experience. The Eucharistic miracles, on the other hand, are extraordinary events concerning the Bread and Wine consecrated at Mass which can be experienced through the senses. They become a visible sign of the Real Presence of Jesus...By the way, as we shall see, a number of these miracles are continuing right through to the present time. Furthermore, at Fatima, at Lourdes and elsewhere, Eucharistic miracles also continue to take place even though they are not always officially recognized by the Church, but 'How difficult it is to demonstrate the historical veracity of so many Eucharistic miracles. How difficult to grasp their real nature. How hard, if not possible, to dis-



Pope John Paul II in 1980 at Siena in adoration in front of the miraculous Hosts

tinguish between those accounts that when are rated with historical accuracy from those others where the sublime was spectacular which simply served for the instruction or edification of the faithful.' (P. Giovanni Odoardi, o.f.m. conv). Italy is full of Eucharistic miracles. They are extraordinary events, often, unfortunately, unknown even in the realm of Christianity." (*16 Eucharistic Miracles in Italy*, Vocepiù, 1997)

"Our faith is not founded on Eucharistic miracles, but on the proclamation of the Lord Jesus, received with faith through the action of the Holy Spirit...A Christian is not obliged to believe in Eucharistic miracles," Monsignor Raffaello Martinelli explains,



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however, "Eucharistic miracles can encourage us to understand, appreciate and love the Eucharist...They can help a person discover the mystery, the beauty and the riches of the Eucharist...We must never forget nor fail to mention that the Eucharist is the true, great, inexhaustible daily miracle...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 the Eucharist in a unique and incomparable way. He is present in a true, real, substantial way, with his Body and Blood, with his Soul and Divinity. In the Eucharist, therefore, there is present in a sacramental way, that is, under the Eucharistic species of bread and wine, Christ whole and entire, God and Man' (*Compendium*, n. 282). In making his Sacrifice of the Cross present and actual, he becomes our food and drink, with his Body and Blood uniting us with him and with each other, becoming our viaticum on our earthly pilgrimage toward our eternal homeland."

### **Eucharistic Miracle Promoters**

Through the kind willingness of Antonia Salzano Acutis of the *Pontifical Academy Cultorum Martyrum*, this photographic Eucharistic miracles exhibition is presented to the people of the United States

of America by the *Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association*. A great promoter of the exhibition is Monsignor Raffaello Martinelli of the St. Ambrose and St. Charles Basilica, an official of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and member of the editorial commission of the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*. They have entrusted to Archbishop Raymond L. Burke the Vatican's Eucharistic Exhibition. With an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions, the exhibition, sponsored by the Institute of St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr, presents some of the principal Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and have been recognized by the Church.



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### **Exhibition Information**

The entire exhibition, 126 miracles, may be displayed wherever the display space is large enough to accommodate the complete exhibition. In smaller spaces, fewer miracles will be on display. There are an additional 30 to 40 more Church-approved Eucharistic miracles but none of these have enough information associated with them to make it into this photographic Eucharistic miracles exhibition. The complete exhibition is comprised of 140 panels or posters (60x80 cm). Four posters have two miracles displayed on each poster. Fifteen miracles use two or three posters to explain each miracle. All the rest have one miracle per poster. There are 17 poster maps that show where the miracles are located in each country and 2 historical European maps.

## Canon Law On Shrines

The Eucharistic miracles shown in this exhibition have all been recognized by the local bishops, some miracles were also recognized with papal bull but not all the miracles were recognized also by the



Pope Benedict XVI in 2006 in Valencia, Spain with the Holy Grail

Pope. What is required is the local bishop's approval (CANN n. 1230 ss). Most of the miracles' churches became Eucharistic sanctuaries or shrines of the Eucharistic miracle, approved by the Church.

**Can. 1230** By the term shrine is understood a church or other sacred place to which numerous members of the faithful make pilgrimage for a special reason of piety, with the approval of the local ordinary.

**Can. 1231** For a shrine to be called a national shrine, the conference of bishops must give its approval; for it to be called an international shrine, the approval of the Holy See is required.

## Eucharistic Miracles by Country

The exhibition's miracles are from: Austria, Belgium, Carribean Island of Martinique, Colombia,

Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Island of the Réunion (French Colony), Italy, Netherlands, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland. The most recent miracle in this century occurred in Chirattakonam, India.

## Exhibition Languages

These Eucharistic miracles are currently translated, or are being translated, into French, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Italian, Arabic, Swahili, Yoruba, Chinese, Russian, Polish and English. The English language translations will be used in Australia, England and other English-speaking countries in the world in addition to the United States of America. In the future, there are plans to translate these Eucharistic miracles into other languages as well. Visit our website to view the various language exhibitions currently available.

## Exhibition Evangelization

Antonia Salzano Acutis and Monsignor Raffaello Martinelli want this exhibition to be shown in every parish in the world, so we encourage you to participate in the evangelization of the Eucharistic miracles by hosting the exhibition in your own parish.

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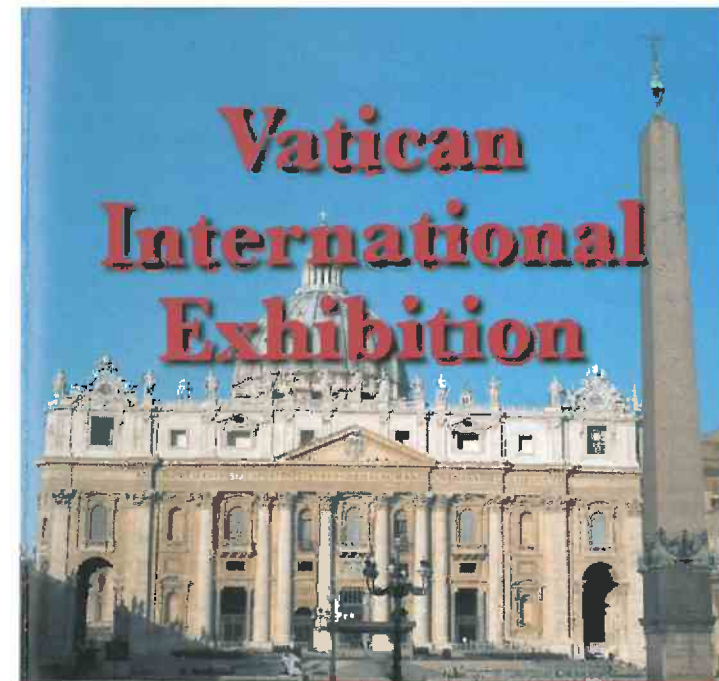
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