

## **Eucharistic Miracle — Mexico — April 30, 1927**

During the beginning decades of the 1900's a ruthless religious persecution was gaining momentum in Mexico. In the 1920's during the revolution and religious persecution in Mexico, the Prioress of the Carmelite Sisters, Mother Josephine helped others understand that prayer is not about method or extraordinary manifestations of visions or ecstasies but interior disposition.



Sr. Conception

In order to avoid detection by the government soldiers the nuns had to disband into small separate groups. One group of two nuns (Mother Josephine and Sister Conception) received a surprise visit from 4 Mexican soldiers. The soldiers wanted the consecrated Hosts in the nuns' possession. As Mother Josephine panicked, Sister Conception of the Eucharist took hold of the ciborium and emptied it all into her mouth. One soldier, aware of the difficulty of consuming such a number of Hosts as she struggled to swallow them, went toward her with the intention of taking them out of her mouth. Sr. Conception then pinned him to the wall as he squirmed and tossed about trying to break loose of her superhuman grip. Sister Conception struggled to save our Lord and triumphed. The sisters then offered the empty ciborium to the soldiers, but the soldiers did not want it. The soldier that had been overcome by the nun asked if he should shoot the nuns, but he was told that their orders were to obtain the Hosts, not to kill the nuns.

This horrible persecution accompanied the birth and humble beginnings of the Carmelite community, a legacy that their foundress and her companions brought with them as religious refugees to the United States in 1927.