

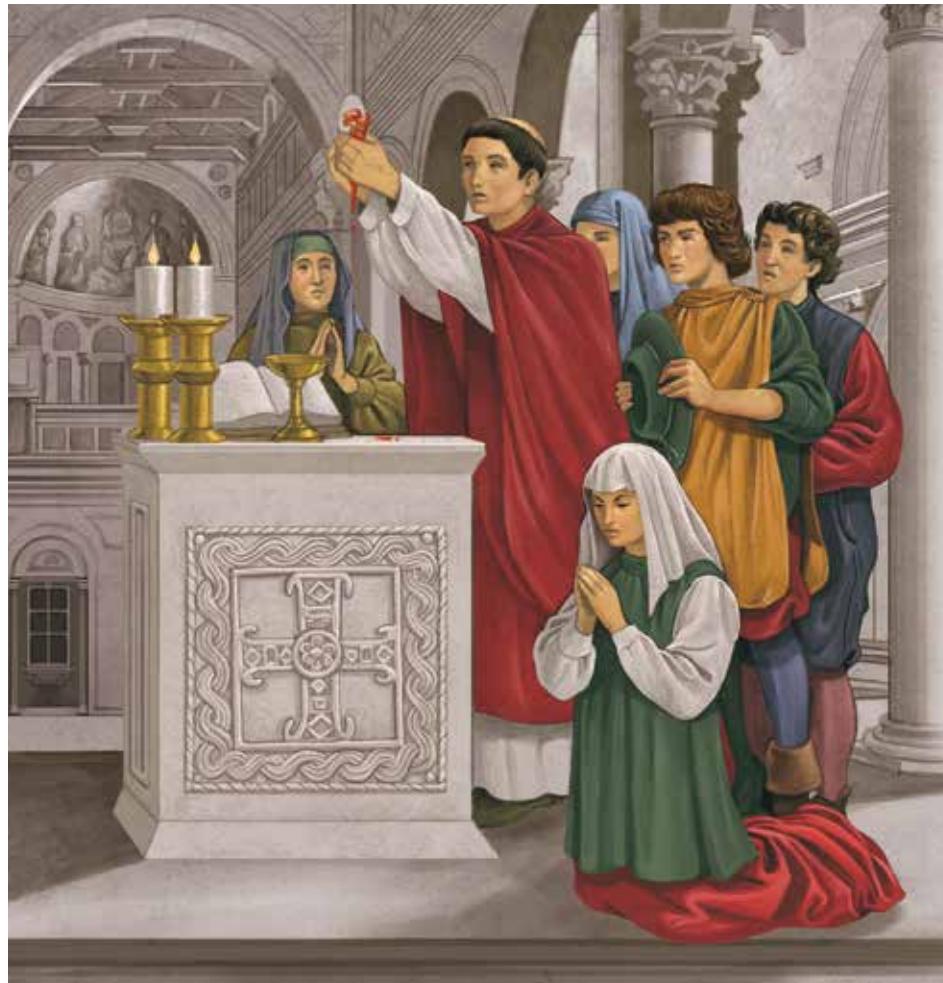
Eucharistic Miracle of CIMBALLA

SPAIN, 1370

In the year 1370, the pastor of Cimballa was assaulted with a strong doubt during the Mass about the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Host then transformed into flesh and from it began to flow blood onto the altar-linens. The episode reinforced the wavering faith of the priest who penitently retired to a monastery dedicating himself to a life of penance and prayer. Every year, the 12th of September, the memory of the miracle in the parish church is celebrated where even now the Relic of the corporal soaked in the Blood is kept.



Panorama of Cimballa



Large relic of the Blood-soaked corporal



Interior of the church



Church of Santa Maria in Cimballa



Portion of the relic of the Blood-stained corporal

Most Holy Doubtful Mystery" is what they call in Cimballa the Eucharistic Miracle that took place in 1370 in the church of the Purification of Our Lady. The pastor of the church, Don Tommaso, had been for many months plagued by doubt concerning the true presence of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist. During the celebration of Holy Mass on Sunday, after having pronounced the words of the consecration, Don Tommaso saw the Host transformed into flesh and the blood began to flow from it, so much as to soak the altar-linens.

The penitent priest began to weep from remorse. The faithful, seeing how he was troubled, quickly looked to the altar and saw the miracle. The relic was then taken in procession and the news spread everywhere. There were many

miracles attributed the "Most Holy Doubtful Mystery" and since then has always been a great object of devotion on the part of the faithful. The relic of the altar-linen soaked in the blood has been exposed the 12th of September of every year on the day of the anniversary of the feast of the blood Miracle.