

# Eucharistic Miracle of ONIL

SPAIN, 1824

In the Eucharistic miracle of Onil, a pyx containing a consecrated Host was robbed from a parish church. Days later, a woman from the nearby town of Tibi recovered the stolen pyx with the consecrated Host inside in the middle of a green field. Exactly 119 years later, on November 28, 1943, Don Guillermo Hijarrubia, delegate of the Archbishop of Valencia, confirmed the authenticity of the miracle, verifying the complete preservation of the Host. To this day the consecrated Host has remained intact in spite of the 182 years that have passed.



Feast in honor of the Prodigy called "la Pedredia" in memory of the place where the Host was recovered



Shrine of the Host which remains intact



Shrine of the miraculous Host

**O**n November 5, 1824 Nicolás Bernabeu, who had been an altar boy in the church of Onil since the time he was little, stole the pyx that contained the Most Holy Sacrament and some other sacred objects from the church of Onil. The news of the sacrilegious robbery spread so quickly throughout the region that when the thief tried to sell the stolen objects to Alicante he aroused the suspicions of the businessman, who then warned the authorities. Nicolás Bernabeu was arrested, but did not want to reveal where he hid the pyx, which still contained the Blessed Sacrament. The faithful and the civil authorities looked for days all over the countryside but the stolen goods were in the nearby town of Tibi where the thief lived. A woman named Teresa Carbonell found the Hosts on November 28,

1824 in the area called "la Pedrera". Immediately the woman returned the Blessed Sacrament to Onil where she was received with great celebration. Exactly 119 years later, on November 28, 1943, Don Guillermo Hijarrubia, delegate of the archbishop of Valencia, confirmed the authenticity of the miracle, verifying the complete preservation of the Host contained in the stolen pyx.

*To this day* one can admire the miraculous Host that has remained intact for almost two centuries in the parish church of St. James the Apostle in Onil. Every year the Feast of Our Lord "Robat" is celebrated in memory of this Eucharistic miracle and the recovery of the Host.