

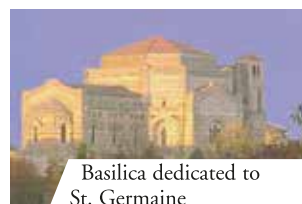
Eucharistic Miracle of PIBRAC

FRANCE, 1589

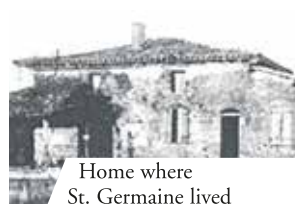
The Eucharistic miracle of Pibrac is about Saint Germaine Cousin (1579-1601). In order for St. Germaine Cousin to participate in the Holy Celebration of the Mass, she had to cross through a violent stream with extremely high waters; the waters divided in two and let her pass undisturbed.



Tomb of St. Germaine



Basilica dedicated to St. Germaine



Home where St. Germaine lived



Germaine made to live in a basement under the steps by her step-mother



Print depicting the miracle of the unattended herd not ever being attacked by wild animals



Antique painting in which the miracle is depicted

From the time that our young shepherd girl became motherless, her father remarried a woman who, from the very start, demonstrated hostility towards her because Germaine's face was full of acne and was not easy to look at. The stepmother, who could not stand the sight of Germaine's face, convinced her husband to make Germaine live in the small basement under the steps. The poor girl found herself so completely isolated in that basement that the rats were often her only companions. Germaine, however, was very close and devoted to the Lord and in particular loved the Blessed Sacrament and prayed and visited on a daily basis.

Every day she would leave her sheep unattended to receive the Holy Eucharist and miraculously the herd would never be attacked by wolves.

To reach the church, however, Germaine had to cross the stream called Courbet. One day the heavy rains had rendered the stream impossible to pass through, but the young girl decided to affront the furious waters of the stream and get through so she could receive Communion.

Before going into the water in order to get across, she made the sign of the Cross and while she was reciting her prayers she saw the waters miraculously separate in two. This happened on the way back, also.