

November 2024 is the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Arlington-our Golden Jubilee!! We now begin Year 1 of preparation for our Jubilee. Theme for Year 1: *“Do this in Memory of Me.”*



Eucharistic Miracle of Saragossa, Spain 1427

In the year 1427, a woman lived with her violent husband in Saragossa, Spain. The mistreatment by the husband was so great that the woman was desperate to find a way to alter his behavior.

In her distress, she met with a Moorish sorcerer. He learned that the woman was Catholic, and in his hatred of the Faith, he desired to seize the opportunity to desecrate the Sacred Host. The sorcerer convinced the woman that he could make a potion to cure her husband of his violent nature, but he required a consecrated Host.

The woman attended Mass at the Church of St. Michael the next day. Upon receiving the Eucharist, she withdrew to the back of the church. In an act of sacrilege, she took the Host from her mouth and placed it in a small coffer. She then went directly to the sorcerer.

When the woman opened the coffer for the sorcerer, they saw that the Host was transformed into a live little Baby surrounded by a bright light. They were both shocked. However, the sorcerer was still filled with hate and commanded the woman to burn the coffer with the baby in it. Then he told her to bring him the ashes.

The foolish woman did as she was ordered. She put the coffer in the fire. The bright light emanating from the Miraculous Infant kept getting brighter and brighter. Finally, the fire went out, the coffer was completely burned, but the Baby was alive and unharmed.

The woman ran with the Baby in her arms back to the sorcerer. She was filled with fear and remorse. Likewise, the sorcerer trembled with fear. Together they went to Bishop Alonso Arhuello and confessed all that had happened. The Moor converted to Christianity and went on to receive baptism.

The bishop consulted theologians. Meanwhile, news of the Miraculous Host that turned into an Infant spread so that many came to the cathedral to inquire. The bishop called for a solemn procession to move the Infant from the woman's house to the Cathedral of the Savior. Parish priests from neighboring towns, commoners, and nobility alike all participated in the solemn procession of the Miraculous Baby emanating light.

At the cathedral, the Baby was placed on the altar in the Chapel of St. Valerius so that all could venerate Him. The next day, a Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament was celebrated while the Infant gleamed more brightly than before. At the words of consecration, the Miraculous Infant transformed into a Eucharistic Host which the bishop consumed.

“Every consecrated Host is made to burn itself up with love in a human heart.”

-St. John Vianney

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