

Eucharistic Miracle of POZNAN

POLAND, 1399



In the city of Poznan, in 1399, three consecrated Hosts were robbed by some desecrators who struck them with some hole-punchers in order to deface it. The Hosts began to drip blood and every attempt to destroy them proved futile. At that point, the malefactors, in order not to be discovered, decided to cast them into a marsh. But the particles were suspended in the air and began to radiate strong flashes of light. Only after fervent prayers did the bishop succeed in recovering the particles, which can be venerated today at the Church of Corpus Christi in Poznan.



The Eucharistic Shrine



The original chapel in which the miraculous Hosts were preserved up until the last century



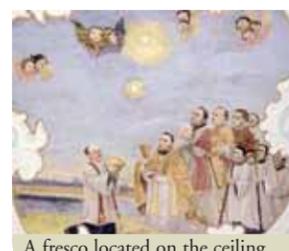
The interior of the shrine



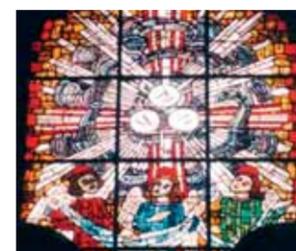
At the Eucharistic Shrine, the precious monstrances donated by the King (Wladyslaw) Jagiello are preserved and are still used for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



In the central nave, under the altar where the relics of Saint Onufra are preserved, three 18th century sculptures are preserved which depict the desecrators who tried to get rid of the Hosts



A fresco located on the ceiling of the Sacristy of the Eucharistic Shrine, in which a scene of the miracle is represented



The stained glass window in which the three miraculous Hosts are depicted



The sacristy of the Eucharistic shrine constructed around the middle of the 18th century



In the city of Poznan, profaners with an intense hatred for the Christian faith persuaded a domestic helper to take three consecrated Hosts from the Dominican (now Jesuit) church. The woman, enticed by a large reward, succeeded in stealing three Hosts. Immediately after they received the Hosts, the malefactors went to the basement of their mansion, put them on a table and desecrated them, beating them with a hole-puncher. Suddenly a copious amount of blood began to drip from the Particles, which splashed the face of a girl in the group afflicted with blindness, and she immediately regained her sight. The desecrators, seized with panic and anxiety, tried to destroy the Hosts, which nevertheless remained whole. Unable to rid themselves of them, they decided to take them outside the city and cast them into a marsh

in the vicinity of the Warta River. A young shepherd who happened to be passing near the marsh saw the three luminous Hosts suspended in the air. Holding back his emotions, he returned home and recounted everything to his father and the local authorities. The burgomaster was indifferent to the young man's account and ordered him to be jailed. The young shepherd managed to mysteriously escape and again presented himself to the burgomaster, who finally convinced of the facts made his way to the place of the miracle. In the meantime, the entire population had gathered around the three luminous Hosts suspended in the air. Only Bishop Wojciech Jastrzebiec, after beseeching Heaven with fervent prayers, succeeded in recovering the Particles, which descended into the pyx he held in his hands. The bishop immediately

directed that a solemn procession be formed to accompany the miraculous Hosts to St. Mary Magdalene church. At the site of the miracle, a wooden chapel was constructed which became the goal for many pilgrimages. King Wladyslaw Jagiello came to know of the miracle and made a trip to Poznan to venerate the miraculous Hosts. As a sign of devotion, the king ordered that a church dedicated to the Body of Christ (Corpus Domini) be built at the exact spot where the miracle occurred. In the 19th century, in place of the old mansion where the profanation of the Particles took place, a shrine was constructed where even today the table with the imprints from the Blood that dripped from the Hosts has been preserved. Every Thursday a procession with the Blessed Sacrament takes place at Corpus Domini church to recall the miracle.