

Eucharistic Miracle of ZARAGOZA

SPAIN, 1427



In the consecrated Host stolen by a woman of Zaragoza, to make a love potion of it, appeared the Baby Jesus. In the town hall archives of the city of Zaragoza is preserved the document that relates the miracle in detail. And in the cathedral, next to the chapel of “San Dominguito del Val” there is a painting depicting accurately the marvelous event.



Cathedral of the See, Zaragoza



Exterior side of the Cathedral of the See



Ancient painting in the Cathedral of the See representing the Miracle in the Chapel of Little Saint Dominic of the Val. There is also, on the wall facing the chapel, a marble plaque describing the miracle



Main Altar



Chapel of the Holy Christ



Choir stalls of the See

This Eucharistic miracle happened in the city of Zaragoza in 1427, when the bishop of the city was don Alonso Arhuello. Don Dorner, archdeacon of the city, left a written report of the event: “A married woman consulted a Moorish evil sorcerer for a remedy to cure her husband of his violent nature and to make him treat her more gently. To change the husband’s behavior, the sorcerer told her he needed a consecrated Host. The very superstitious woman went to the church of Saint Michael, went to confession and received the Eucharist. With diabolical cunning, she took the host from her mouth and hid it in a small coffer which she took immediately to the sorcerer.

When they opened the coffer, instead of the Host they saw, with great terror, a little baby surrounded by light. The sorcerer told the woman to take the

coffer home, burn it and bring the ashes to him. The unscrupulous woman did as she was told, but, with great amazement saw, that though the coffer was completely burned, the baby remained unharmed.

Stricken with terror and out of her mind she ran to the house of the sorcerer to tell him what happened. The sorcerer on hearing the words of the woman began to shake, fearing a vengeance from heaven. They decided to go to the cathedral to inform the bishop don Alonso, confess their sin and ask for baptism.

The bishop consulted some prelates and theologians of the diocese to shed light on the event and finally decided to take in solemn procession the Miraculous Baby from the house of the

woman to the cathedral. The whole city accompanied in procession and was deeply moved at the sight of that marvelous baby. Once in the cathedral the Miraculous Baby was put on the altar of the chapel of Saint Valerio so that the people of Zaragoza could see Him and venerate Him. The following day, while the bishop was celebrating mass at the same altar, at the words of consecration, a Host, immediately consumed by the bishop, appeared where the Baby was. Thanks to this Eucharistic miracle, the people of Zaragoza was renewed in its devotion to the Blessed Sacrament”. This is the document preserved in the town archives.