

Eucharistic Miracles

reflection # 6

Legnica, Poland (2013)

Over the course of centuries numerous extraordinary events have occurred surrounding the Eucharist.

One of these events happened on **Christmas Day of 2013 in Legnica, Poland**, which is an industrial city in southwest Poland. At the St. Hyacinth shrine a priest accidentally dropped a host while distributing Communion. That host was placed in a container of water to dissolve it and to be buried later. After two weeks the host had only partially dissolved and a red substance appeared on it.

The local bishop formed a committee and had two independent forensic studies done on this phenomenon. They found human DNA and tissue from a human heart but no bacterial nor fungi contamination.

Subsequently these as well as other studies have been sent to the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for their review and assessment. Presently we await their official declaration calling this event supernatural. If it were declared supernatural, it would join 133 other Eucharistic miracles declared by the Church.

In the meantime this host has been placed in a reliquary for public view at the St. Hyacinth shrine. As the Bishop of Legnica has said about this extraordinary happening — *“I hope that this all will serve to deepen Eucharistic devotion ... We interpret this amazing sign as an expression of the generosity and love of God, who stoops so low to be with man.”*

Nothing is more generous of God’s abiding love for us than the gifting the Real Presence of His Son’s Body and Blood in the Eucharist. **Blessed are they who believe and partake.**