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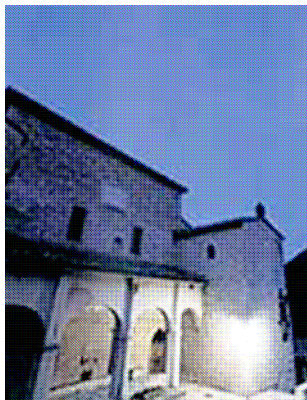
Eucharistic Miracle of St. Peter Damian



St. Peter Damian, Doctor of the Church, describes an important Eucharistic Miracle of which he was a direct witness in his work “Opusculum XXXIV, Patrologia Latina, vol. CXLV,col.573.” We record here in translation the episode as the Saint himself recounts it: “This is a Eucharistic event of great importance. It took place in 1050. A woman, giving into some abominable temptations, was about to take the Eucharistic Bread to her house to commit a sacrilege. However, a priest noticed what was happening, chased after her, and recovered the Host which the sacrilegious woman had stolen. At that point, when he unfolded the white linen in which the Sacred Host had been wrapped, noticed that it was transformed in such a way that half of the Host had become the Body of the Lord in a visible way, while the other half maintained the ordinary appearance of Bread. By such clear testimony, God wished to triumph over unbelief and heresy on the part of those who refused to accept the Real Presence in the Eucharistic Mystery: in half of the consecrated bread, the Body of the Lord was made visible, while the other half was left in its natural form, to better demonstrate the reality of sacramental transubstantiation on which takes place at the Consecration.”



(1) The Hermitage of Fonte Avellana, where St. Peter Damian lived.



(2) St. Peter Damian