

## SPAIN, 1657

## Eucharistic Miracle of Montserrat

In 1657, the Most Reverend Father Bernardo de Ontevieros, General of the Benedictine Order in Spain, along with the Abbot Father Millán de Mirando, were present at the monastery of Our Lady of Montserrat to take part in several conferences.



During one of these, a woman with her young daughter came to the monastery, and the little girl began to implore Abbot Millán to celebrate three Masses in memory of her deceased father, deeply convinced that by the merits of these Masses, the soul of her father would be freed from the pains of Purgatory. The good Abbot, moved by the tears of the young girl, began to celebrate the first of these Masses for the dead on the following day, and the little girl, who was present at the Mass with her mother, during the consecration began to declare that she saw her father kneeling at the foot of the main altar, surrounded by dreadful flames. The Father General, who was skeptical, wishing to determine whether the little girl's account was true, told her to bring a handkerchief close to the flames that surrounded her father. The little girl, following his directive, placed the handkerchief in that mysterious fire which only she was able to see, and at once all the monks saw the handkerchief catch fire with a living flame. During the second Mass, the

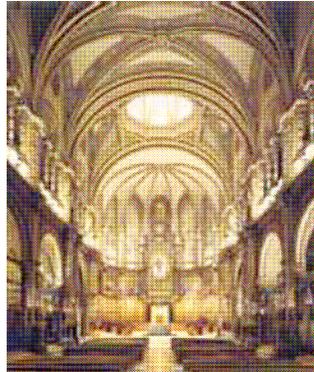
little girl stated that she saw her father standing up next to the deacon and dressed in a garment of brilliant colors. During the third and final Mass, the father appeared to his daughter dressed in a garment that was white as snow. Just as the Mass ended, the little girl exclaimed: "Look, my father is leaving and going up to heaven!" The little girl then thanked the community of monks on behalf of her father, who had instructed her to do so. Those who were present at this Miracle included the Most Reverend Father General of the Benedictine Order in Spain, the Bishop of Astorga, and numerous inhabitants of the country.



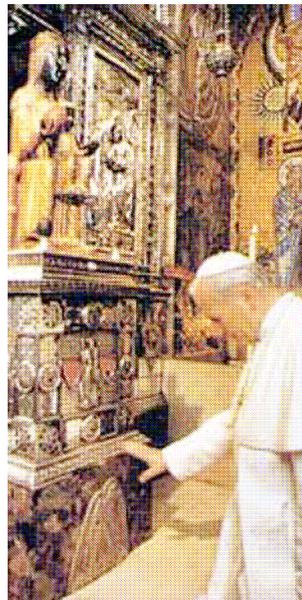
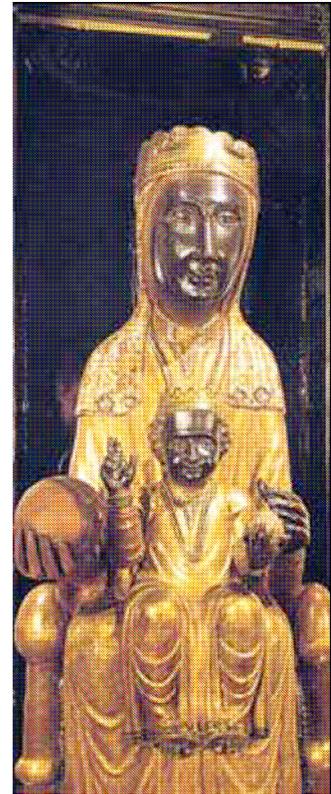
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(1) Shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat

(2) Interior of the Church where the Miracle took place

(3) The Miraculous image of the Virgin of Montserrat