On Sunday, August 3rd in 1631, around the time for Vespers, a great fire broke out in the little town of Dronero, in the region under the reign of the Marquis of Saluzzo. A young peasant woman carelessly set fire to some dry straw at the very moment when the wind was growing stronger because of an impending storm. In a few seconds, the flames spread violently, engulfing the dwellings on the Borgo Maira. The people attempted in every way to put out the fire, but every attempt turned out futile. The fire, meanwhile, kept spreading more and more. Father Maurizio of Cava, a Capuchin priest, was inspired to have recourse to the power of Jesus hidden under the veil of the Eucharistic species. He at once organized a solemn procession with the Blessed Sacrament, and followed by all the citizens, moved toward the place of the fire. At the approach of the Blessed Sacrament, the fire miraculously stopped.