In the small town of Meerssen, in 1222 and in 1465, two important Eucharistic Miracles were confirmed. In the first Miracle, during Holy Mass, from the big consecrated Host, living Blood poured out which stained the corporal. In the second Miracle, in 1465, a peasant succeeded in saving the Relic of the Miracle from a fire which destroyed the entire church. This episode was remembered by the inhabitants with the name of “the Miracle of the fire.” Despite the fire, the church was immediately rebuilt, and in 1938, Pope Pius XI elevated it to the status of a Minor Basilica.