

Eucharistic Miracle of Montserrat
SPAIN, 1657



In 1657, the Most Reverend Father Bernardo de Ontevieros, General of the Benedictine Order in Spain, together with the Abbot Fr. Millán de Mirando, were in the monastery of Our Lady of Montserrat to participate in some conferences. During one of these, a woman with her little daughter came to the monastery and began to implore the Abbot Fr. Millán to celebrate three Masses in memory of her deceased father, deeply convinced that with these three Masses, the soul of her father would be freed from the pains of Purgatory. The good Abbot, moved by the tears of the little girl, began on the following day to celebrate the first Mass for the repose of his soul, when the little girl, who was present there with her mother, during the consecration began to remark that she saw her father bowing his head at the foot of the main altar, surrounded by dreadful flames. The Father General, skeptical, to test whether the little girl's story was true, told her to place a handkerchief into the flames which surrounded her father. The young girl, in accord with his request, placed a handkerchief in that mysterious fire, which only she was able to see, and immediately all the monks saw the handkerchief burn with a most brilliant flame. During the second Mass, the little girl declared that she saw her father standing up next to the deacon, dressed in an outfit of many vivid colors. At the third and final Mass, the father showed himself to his daughter, this time with an outfit as pure white as the snow. Just as the Mass ended, the little girl exclaimed: "Look at my father – he is leaving and going up to heaven!" The little girl then thanked the community of monks on behalf of her father, who had requested her to do so. The Most Reverend Father General of the Benedictine Order in Spain, the Bishop of Astorga, and many inhabitants of the region were present at this Miracle.