



Eucharistic Miracle Alboraya - Almacera, Spain 1348

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Many years ago in Spain, a priest rode his donkey to bring Communion to several sick church members. As the priest and donkey crossed a river to reach their destination, the priest and the ciborium, which is a sacred container holding the Hosts, toppled over into the water. The priest barely made it out of the swiftly moving river. The ciborium and Hosts vanished into the water. The priest felt deep sadness that the Consecrated Host, the real Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus had disappeared. His job protecting the Blessed Hosts had been unsuccessful.

While the priest stood on the edge of the river, he heard fishermen shouting to him. They witnessed with astonishment three fish holding the lost Hosts in their mouths. Hurrying to the church, the priest returned with another ciborium. He approached the three fish that were holding the Blessed Host above the water. As the priest held the ciborium out, he prayed deeply and the fish placed the Host into it one by one and then swam away.

At that point, the priest realized a crowd had gathered and many had observed this incredible miracle.

The fish recognized Jesus in the Host and rescued Him from the water. Amazing! If fish, creatures without a soul, know Jesus in the Host, think about how much you, a beloved child of God, should know and appreciate Jesus' Real Presence in the Host. Since Jesus humbly appears as a piece of bread, something so small and normal, we sometimes forget we should feel absolute awe in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Host, our God who stays with us forever. . . . to be completely thrilled!