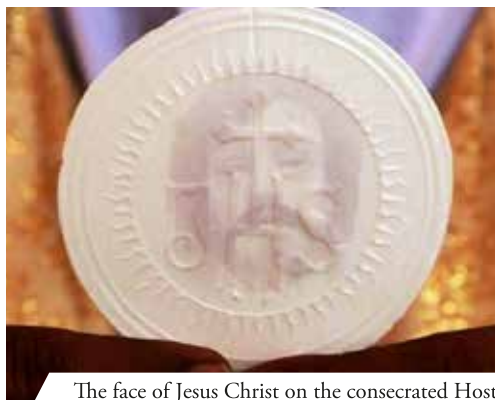


Eucharistic Miracle of VILAKKANNUR

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On November 13, 2013, in Christ the King Church in Vilakkannur (India), during Mass, a spot appeared on the consecrated Host that became the face of Jesus. The Host was scientifically analyzed: it was found to be wheat bread, with no traces of manipulation, and the image remained unexplained. After investigations and ecclesiastical evaluation, the phenomenon was examined as a possible supernatural event with pastoral value.



The face of Jesus Christ on the consecrated Host



Christ the King Church in Vilakkannur



On 13 November 2013, during the celebration of the Holy Qurbana, the Holy Mass of the Syro-Malabar Catholic community, at Christ the King Church in Vilakkannur, an unusual image appeared on a consecrated Host. While the priest was elevating the Host, a visible mark gradually developed, which many of the faithful perceived as resembling the face of Jesus Christ. The Host was preserved and the matter was reported to Church authorities for investigation.

Scientific Examination

A series of scientific analyses were conducted by experts at Christ University of Bangalore, including:

- FTIR (Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy).
- Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS 8040).
- Spettroscopia Raman.
- Optical Profilometry.

Findings:

- The Sacred Host and control sample showed similar chemical composition.
- The material was consistent with starch (wheat bread).
- No detectable evidence of artificial coloring, painting, or tampering.
- Surface variations were noted, but no external substance responsible for the image was identified.

The formation of the image remained unexplained by conventional scientific analysis.

Ecclesiastical Discernment

After theological and pastoral evaluation, and in light of the norms for discernment of alleged supernatural phenomena issued by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Archbishop of Tellicherry declared the following:

- Granted Nihil Obstat (nothing stands in the way).

- Permitted devotion to continue.
- Clarified that this does not constitute a definitive declaration of supernatural character.

The event was recognized as having pastoral value, strengthening devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Spiritual Significance

The Catholic faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist does not depend on miracles. However, such phenomena may:

- Deepen Eucharistic faith.
- Strengthen devotion and reverence.
- Lead the faithful to greater love of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Vilakkannur event contributed to renewed Eucharistic devotion in the region and attracted pilgrims seeking spiritual renewal.