

Eucharistic Miracle of BREDA-NIERVAART

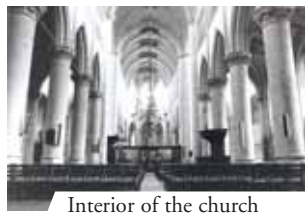
NETHERLANDS, 1300



The Eucharistic miracle of Breda-Niervaart occurred on June 24, 1300. At the time, the Netherlands was occupied by Spanish army troops, and during a pillage a soldier stole a consecrated Host, which was found a short while later by a farmer named Jan Bautoen; it was hidden under a lump of dirt and in perfect condition. One of the most authoritative and complete documents describing the events connected with this miracle is the investigation conducted by the Bishop of Link. Traces of the miracle remain in the church's paintings as well as in the documents.



Collegiate Church of Our Lady, Breda



Interior of the church



The procession held every year to honor the miracle



Artistic monstrance in which the miraculous Host is carried, Breda



Banner depicting the finding of the miraculous Host



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On June 24, 1300, a farmer named Jan Bautoen was hoeing a plot of land near the village of Niervaart. As he lifted a clod of earth, he found a completely intact Host, which he immediately gave to the pastor of the village of Niervaart. The Host was put into precious custodia and, despite the passage of time, it became known that the appearances of bread remained intact. News quickly spread among the people, who began to venerate the Host. In 1449 the Particle was moved to the Collegiate Church of Our Lady of Breda, and an artistic monstrance was made to preserve it.

During the religious conflicts, all traces of the miraculous host were lost, even though devotion to this Eucharistic miracle was kept alive by the people. After various ups and

downs, veneration was solemnly restored in the 20th century by a confraternity in Breda dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament. To this day, processions and public prayers are held each year in the miracle's honor.



The relic of the miraculous Host is carried in procession (1535), Sacred Museum of Breda