

Apparition of Our Lord in the Host.

The following apparition took place in the Loreto Chapel, at Bordeaux, in the year 1865:

The Sisters of St. Joseph with their pupils were, one Thursday, assembled in their Chapel for Benediction. The priest, a venerable man attached to the Cathedral of Bordeaux, knelt in profound recollection at the foot of the altar, while the "Pange Lingua" was being sung. The server was the first to observe a change in the appearance of the monstrance. Gently touching the priest upon the shoulder, he whispered with emotion: Father! Father! Behold the dear Saviour appeareth!" The priest on raising his eyes beheld the same miraculous appearance, but endeavoring to conceal his surprise he replied that it might be the effect of the light; nevertheless he directed his whole attention to the apparition. There could be no doubt: the beloved form of the Saviour became every moment more distinctly visible. The servant of God fell trembling prostrate on the ground. Two little girls who had lately received their First Communion next perceiving the bright countenance of Our Lord, exclaimed in a whisper: "See! the beloved Saviour is there!" and both did reverence before the Divine Majesty.

Soon those words were in every mouth, and when the moment for giving the Benediction was come, the form of our Blessed Lord was still visibly enthroned upon the altar. With a courage almost supernatural, the priest approached, and after adoring the King of Kings, he took the Saviour—to use his own words—in his hands and turned Him towards the congregation, in order that He might Himself give the blessing. His eyes fell upon the head of the apparition, upon which he observed a tonsure, also a broad red band which hung over the shoulders and breast, the two ends of which were joined on one side of the God-man. The apparition continued until the genuflexion after the Benediction, and then