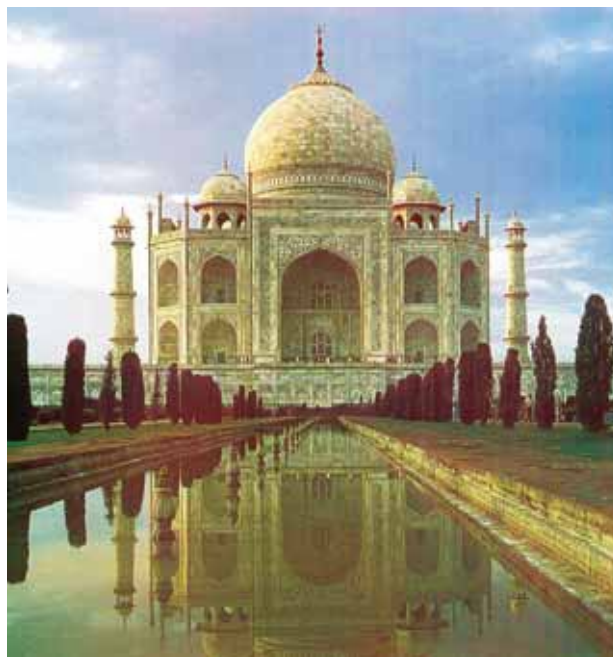


Eucharistic Miracle of CHIRATTAKONAM

ARCHDIOCESE OF TRIVANDRUM, INDIA, MAY 5, 2001



This Eucharistic miracle was verified recently, on May 5, 2001 in Trivandrum, India. In the Host there appeared the likeness of a man similar to that of Christ crowned with thorns. His Beatitude Cyril Mar Baselice, Archbishop of the diocese of Trivandrum, wrote regarding this prodigy : “[...] For us believers what we have seen is something that we have always believed [...]. If our Lord is speaking to us by giving us this sign, it certainly needs a response from us”. The monstrance containing the miraculous Host is to this day kept in the church.



Monstrance containing the Particle in which the image appeared



His Beatitude Cyril Mar Baselice, Archbishop of the diocese of Trivandrum

The Rev. Fr. Johnson Karnoor, pastor of the church where the Eucharistic miracle took place recounts in his deposition : “On April 28, 2001, in the parish church of St. Mary of Chirattakonam, we began as we did every year the novena to St. Jude Thaddeus. At 8:49am, I exposed the Most Holy Sacrament in the monstrance for public Adoration. After a few moments I saw what appeared to be three dots in the Holy Eucharist. I then stopped praying and began to look at the monstrance also inviting the faithful to admire the three dots. I then asked the faithful to remain in prayer and reposed the monstrance in the tabernacle. On April 30th, I celebrated the Holy Mass and on the following day I left for Trivandrum. On Saturday morning, the 5th of May 2001, I opened the church for the usual

liturgical celebrations. I got vested and went to open the tabernacle to see what had happened to the Eucharist in the monstrance. I immediately noted in the Host, a figure, to the likeness of a human face. I was deeply moved and asked the faithful to kneel and begin praying. I thought I alone could see the face so I asked the altar server what he noticed in the monstrance. He answered: ‘I see the figure of a man’. I noticed that the rest of the faithful were looking intently at the monstrance.

We began the adoration and the image, as the minutes went by, became more and more clear. I did not have the courage to say anything and I began to cry. During adoration, we have the practice of reading a passage from Holy Scriptures. The reading of

the day was the one from chapter 20 in the Gospel of John which narrates the story of when Jesus appeared to St. Thomas and asked him to look at the wounds. I was only able to say a few words in my homily, and, having to leave for the nearby parish of Kokkodu to celebrate Mass, I immediately summoned a photographer to take pictures of the Holy Eucharist with the human face on it. After two hours all the photos were developed; with the passing of the time the face in every photo became more and more clear.”