

**FRANCE, 1461**

## **Eucharistic Miracle of La Rochelle**



During Easter of 1461, a woman named Jehan Leclerc brought to the church of St. Bartholomew her 12-year old son Bertrand, who from age 6 had been paralyzed and unable to speak because of a terrible accident. At the time for Holy Communion, the boy signaled to his mother that he too wished to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Initially, the priest did not want to give him Holy Communion because it was impossible for the boy to speak and therefore go to confession. The young boy, however, continued to plead with the priest, who in the end permitted him to receive the Eucharist. Just as he received the Host, Bertrand felt as if he were jolted by a mysterious force. He was able to move and speak; he had been healed. According to the document written by hand just after the miracle, the first words uttered by Bertrand were “Adiutorium nostrum in

nomine Domini” (Our help is in the name of the Lord). The most authoritative document which vividly describes this miracle is the framed manuscript now preserved in the Cathedral of La Rochelle.

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**(1)** La Rochelle

**(2)** Exterior of the church where the miraculous healing took place

**(3)** Copy in black and white of one of the pages of the manuscript which describes the Miracle