

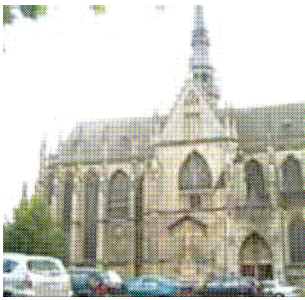
HOLLAND, 1222 and 1465

Eucharistic Miracle of Meerssen

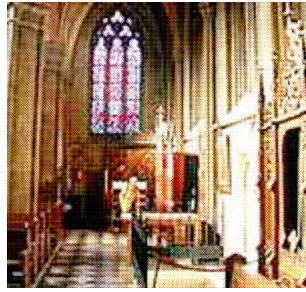


In the small town of Meerssen, there were two Eucharistic miracles which have been authenticated, one in 1222 and the other in 1456. In the first Miracle, during Holy Mass, living Blood dripped from the big consecrated Host and stained the corporal. In the second Miracle, in 1456, a peasant succeeded in recovering the Relic of the first Miracle from a fire which destroyed the entire church. This episode became commemorated by the inhabitants under the name “Miracle of the fire.” Despite the fire, the church was rebuilt at once, and finally, in 1938, Pope Pius XI elevated it to the rank of Minor Basilica. Even today, it is one of the major pilgrimage centers in all of Holland, and the precious Relic of the Miracle is carried in procession each year during the Octave of Corpus Christi.





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- (1) Basilica of the Blessed Sacrament
- (2) Interior of the Basilica
- (3) Commemorative medal of the miracle