

In 1472, during the war which broke out between Volterra and Florence, a Florentine soldier, having entered the Cathedral of Volterra, succeeded in taking possession of the precious ciborium, made of ivory, which contained several consecrated Hosts. As he was leaving the church, seized by a fit of anger toward Jesus in the Eucharist, he threw the ciborium with its precious contents against a wall of the church. All the Hosts fell out of the ciborium, but illuminated by a mysterious light, they rose up in thin air and remained suspended there for some time. The soldier then fell to the ground in fear, and having repented, began to weep. There were numerous witnesses who were present at this miracle.