

On the night of July 25, 1969, some thieves secretly came inside the parish church of St. Mauro la Bruca intending to steal its most precious objects.

After forcing open the tabernacle, they also stole from it the ciborium containing several consecrated Hosts. Just after they left the church, the robbers threw the Hosts onto a small path. The following morning, a small child noticed a small pile of Hosts at the corner of the path, and after gathering them up, immediately delivered them back to the pastor. Only in 1994, after 25 years of thorough analysis, did Most Reverend Biagio d'Agostino, Bishop of Vallo della Lucania, officially recognize the miraculous preservation of the Hosts and approved their veneration. From the analysis carried out by scientists and chemists, we now know that normally, unleavened flour is heavily damaged already after six months, and at a maximum of a few years, is reduced to pulp and then to dust.