

# **Eucharistic Miracles**

*reflection # 16*

**Glotowo, Poland (1290)**

As we enter this final year of the National Eucharistic Revival we continue to reflect on Eucharistic marvels throughout history. Today's reflection happened in **Glotowo, Poland in 1290**. Glotowo is north of Warsaw and not far from the Baltic Sea.

During a war and an impending invasion by the Lithuanian army the local priest buried a very expensive ciborium in a field near the church. Unknowingly he missed one host when emptying the ciborium. The Lithuanian army destroyed the town and the church. No survivors were aware of the priest's action.

Several years later this field was being plowed by a peasant and his oxen. As the sun was beginning to set the plow suddenly got stuck. After pulling mightily a big clod of earth was turned over. The field became bright with light coming from the overturned soil. As the story goes even the oxen were found on their knees peering at the light. The light came from the buried ciborium and the host that was in perfect condition. Many people rushed to the site and processed the ciborium and host to the largest church in the area.

But the host disappeared and was recovered at its original site in the field. People interpreted that God desired a church be built at that place. A church dedicated to Corpus Christi was built and to this day numerous pilgrims visit this church and venerate the relic of the Host — still intact since 1290.

Eucharistic miracles such as this are meant to make us pause in profound wonder of how God constantly reaches into history and time and reminds us that *'He is with us until the end of the ages'*. This privileged presence is available and lives deep within us each time we worthily receive his Body and Blood in Communion at Mass.

**Such is the glory of the Eucharist!**