

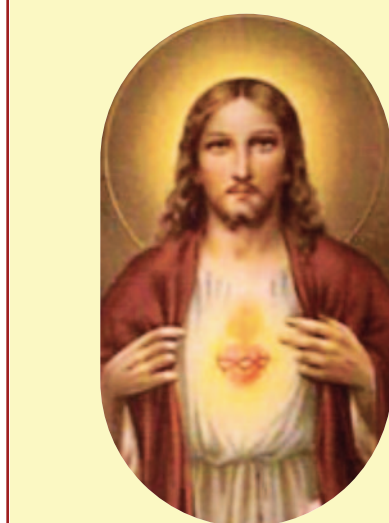
THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI – A FEAST TO CELEBRATE A PROMISE

Lo, I will be with you always until the end of the ages. Mt 28:20

In approximately 1207, St Juliana de Cornillon of Liège, when just sixteen, prayerfully contemplated the promise of Jesus to his disciples as he ascended into Heaven. “Lo, I will be with you always until the end of the ages.” Mt 28:20 In prayer, Jesus made it known to her that he had fulfilled this promise in the Holy Eucharist but that a feast was needed to spread the news. Only the Lord could have connected Juliana with an archdeacon destined to be Pope and him to a doubting priest so that the feast of the promise could become the Feast of his Body and his Blood, the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*.

Juliana had been orphaned at the age of five and entrusted to the care of Augustinian nuns. Later she took the Augustinian habit and in time she became prioress. Being quite intelligent she read the works of the Fathers of the Church in Latin. In St. Augustine she read, “Recognize in the bread what hung on the cross, and in the cup, what flowed from his side.” Sermon 227 This gave her, from an early age, a profound sense of Christ’s presence in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Longing to remain with him, she contemplated his promise, “Lo, I will be with you always until the end of the ages.” Then, as in a vision, Juliana noticed that a dark patch had appeared on a full moon. Was something missing? “Yes,” whispered Jesus in her heart,” the moon represents the Church Year and the dark spot is a missing feast day, a celebration of My Body and Blood, present in the Holy Eucharist.” Then Juliana understood that believers needed a Feast that would encourage them to adore their



St. Thomas Aquinas – Diocesan Museum of Sacred Art, Vitoria-Gasteiz - Spain

Eucharistic Lord. A Feast that would aide them to increase their faith, advance in the practice of virtue and repair the offenses committed against the Lord.

Juliana kept this revelation, that had filled her heart with joy, a secret for about 20 years. Finally, she confided it to two other fervent adorers of the Eucharist: the hermit, Blessed Eva and Isabella, who had joined her at the Monastery of Mont-Cornillon. The three women formed a “spiritual alliance” of adoration and reparation, as if to begin the Feast in their own hearts.

The women shared their secret with a holy Priest, John of Lausanne, who was a canon of the Church of St Martin in Liège. They asked him to consult theologians and clerics about the fittingness of requesting a universal feast of the Eucharist in the Church. Encouraged by an affirmative response, Blessed Eva approached Bishop Robert Torote of Liège who, after initial hesitation, in 1246 accepted the proposal and introduced the Solemnity of Corpus Christi in his diocese. Soon other local bishops also started celebrating this feast.

After Juliana’s death in 1258, her friend, Blessed Eva carried on her passion for the establishment of a Churchwide feast in honor of the Body and Blood of Christ. The former Archdeacon of Liège, Jacques Pantaleon, had subsequently become a bishop and the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. Then in 1261 he was elected Pope taking the name Urban IV.

The new Pope took up residence

in Orvieto. By God's Providence, a doubting priest would precipitate his decision to institute the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ for all of the Latin Church in 1264. In that year, a German priest, his heart darkened by doubt in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, went on a pilgrimage to Rome. He was celebrating Holy Mass in Bolsena, near Orvieto, when the consecrated host in his hands began to bleed. A profusion of Blood flowed from the host soaking the Corporal and Altar linens then spotting the marble floor.



Moved by the sight of the Precious Blood, the faithful made a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the newly elected Pope Urban IV in nearby Orvieto. The miracle was for Urban IV a Divine confirmation that a feast, celebrating the Christ's Body and Blood, was desired by the Lord.

In the Bull of its institution, entitled *Transiturus de hoc mundo* of Aug. 11, 1264, Pope Urban, it seems, referred discreetly to Juliana's mystical experiences. "Indeed, we grasp the other things we commemorate with our spirit and our mind, but this does not mean that we obtain their real presence. On the contrary, in this sacramental commemoration of Christ, even though in a different form, Jesus Christ is present with us in his own substance. While he was about to ascend into Heaven he said 'And lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age' Matthew 28:20".

By using the phrase, "Jesus Christ is present with us in his own substance", Pope Urban anticipated the profound Eucharistic Catechesis of St. Thomas Aquinas. The Pontiff asked St Thomas Aquinas, who was in Orvieto, to compose the texts of the Liturgical Office for Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

To explicate how the Body and Blood of Christ is truly, really, and substantially present under the appearance of bread and wine the Saint coined the word *transubstantiation*. Thomas explains, "The complete substance of the bread is converted into the complete substance of Christ's body, and the complete substance of the wine into the complete

substance of Christ's blood" Summa Theologica 3a. 75,4 Although it still looks, smells, tastes like bread and wine, it is actually the Body and Blood of Jesus. At the consecration of the Mass this change of substance occurs while the priest, united with Christ, speaks His words, "this is my Body", "this is my Blood *being* given for you." This '*being* given' is ongoing 'until the end of the ages'.

Saint Thomas' *Lauda Sion Salvatorem, Pange Lingua* and the *Verbum Supernum*, the *Tantum Ergo* and the *O Salutaris* "are masterpieces in which theology and poetry are fused. These texts pluck at the heartstrings in an expression of praise and gratitude to the Most Holy Sacrament, while the mind, penetrating the mystery with wonder, recognizes in the Eucharist the Living and Real Presence of Jesus, of his Sacrifice of love that reconciles us with the Father, and gives us salvation." Pope Benedict XVI, November 17, 2010.



The providential convergence of St. Juliana's vision with the archdeacon destined to become Pope Urban; then with the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, has given to us more than a Feast for a Promise. By praying the theological hymns of St. Thomas, we can grasp the truth of 'Corpus Christi' - the Real Living Presence of Christ - his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity present in every Consecrated Host.

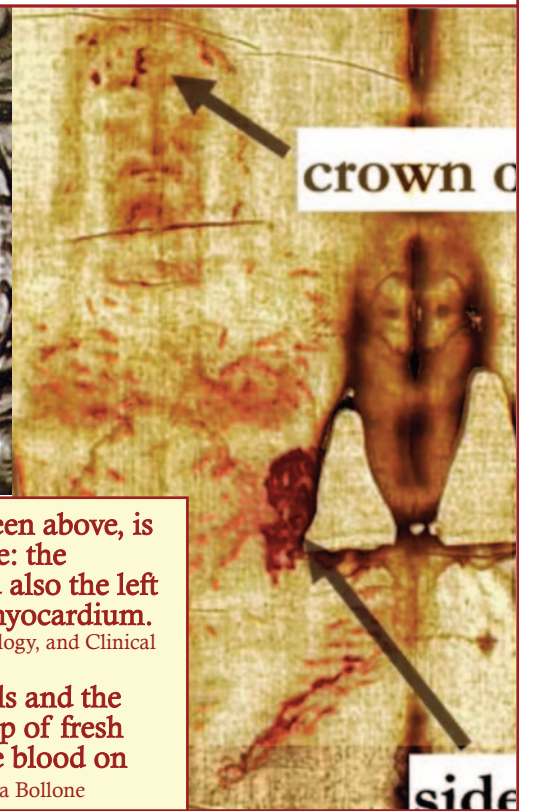
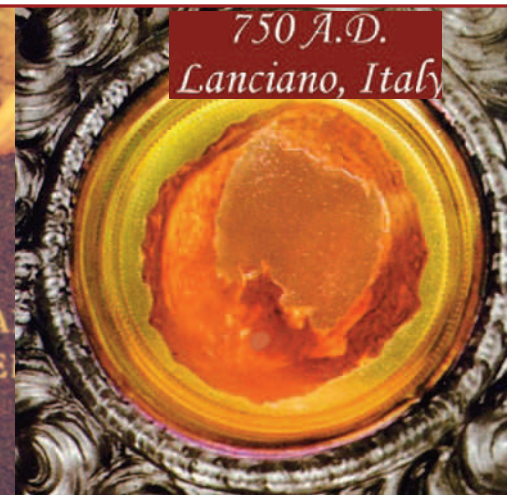
TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM

By his word the Word almighty
makes of bread his flesh indeed;
wine becomes his very life-blood;
faith God's living Word must heed!
Faith alone may safely guide us where
the senses cannot lead!

Come, adore this wondrous presence;
bow to Christ, the source of grace!
Here is kept the ancient promise of
God's earthly dwelling-place!
Sight is blind before God's glory,
faith alone may see his face!

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES ~ THE LIVING, LIFE~GIVING HEART OF JESUS

"My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink - anyone who eats this bread will live forever." Jn. 55-58



As if sliced by the 'scaple-like' lance the the Flesh seen above, is cross-section of a human "Heart." In this section are: the myocardium, the endocardium, the vagus nerve and also the left ventricle of the heart for the large thickness of the myocardium.
Prof. Odoardo Linoli: Professor of Anatomy and Pathological Histology, and Clinical Microscopy. Report# 1431971

The Blood, pictured on left, contains typical minerals and the normal percentages of proteins found in the make-up of fresh normal blood. The blood-type is AB, identical to the blood on the Holy Shroud of Turin pictured on right. Prof. Baima Bollone

SOKOLKA: Researches concluded that the structure of the transformed fragment of the host is identical to the myocardial tissue of a living person who is nearing death. "The structure of the heart muscle fibers is deeply intertwined with that of the bread, in a way impossible to achieve with human means." Prof. Maria Sobaniec-Lotowska - sokolka.archibial.pl

BUENOS AIRES: The tissues came from the wall of the left ventricle but the presence of large numbers white blood cells, meant that the tissue was removed from a heart that was still alive and pumping. "The heart was alive, since white blood cells die outside a living organism. They require a living organism to sustain them. These white blood cells had penetrated the tissue, which further indicates that the heart had been under severe stress, as if the owner had been beaten severely about the chest" Dr. Frederic Zugibe, Cardiologist and Forensic Pathologist

LEGNICA: "In the histopathological image, the fragments were found containing the fragmented parts of the cross-striated muscle. It is most similar to the heart muscle." Similar to Lanciano the research found that the tissue had alterations that would appear during great distress. Szczecin Forensic Report, ppm.pum.edu.pl

TIXTLA: "Two studies conducted by eminent forensic experts with different methodologies have shown that the substance originates from the interior of the host, flowing outward, excluding the hypothesis that someone could have placed the blood from the exterior. The blood type is AB, the universal receptor, similar to the one found in Lanciano and in the Holy Shroud of Turin." Dr. Ricardo Castañón Gómez - who had researched the Eucharistic miracle in Buenos Aires.



Legnica, Poland, 2013
Sokolka, Poland, 2008

Buenos Aires, Argentina 1992-96
Tixtla, Mexico, 2006



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SISTER: Kona is a sweet
dog but Lizzy is my
favorite. Isn't she cute!

ST. DOMINIC: OK, I choose
Lizzy. but she's gone.
And she took the Torch!




Fire dog, invisible dog, duck? and Kona

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY JUNE 2ND 2024~ *Uniting with our Nation and our Diocese from Corpus Christi 2022 to Pentecost 2025*


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The I AM HERE campaign is the way our local Church is responding to the call from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in a "uniquely Detroit way." In the Archdiocese of Detroit, our focus is on evangelization by 'Unleashing the Gospel,' so we know the power of testimony and witness. Go to iamhere.org featuring stories of individuals whose lives have been impacted by Eucharistic adoration, as well as a series of free audio meditations on the *Hallow app* to aide people in praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Archdiocese of Detroit



Weather permitting, we will continue our traditional celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi with an outdoor Procession of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction in our Chapel.

INTRODUCING OUR CORPUS CHRISTI NOVENA PREACHER
Father Bradley Elliott, OP

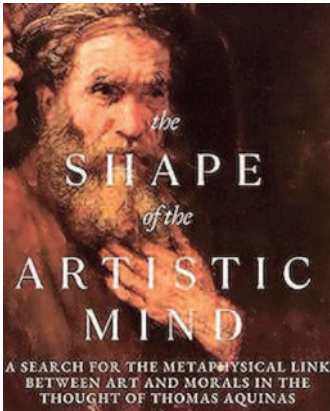


Fr. Brad Elliott raised in Dayton Ohio as a Missouri Synod Lutheran entering the Catholic Church in 2002. His major at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music was Jazz percussion and for ten years he performed as a highly sought-after drummer on the international scene.

After experiencing a call to commit himself entirely to Jesus Christ he was drawn to the Dominicans of the Western Province. Upon completing theological studies, he was ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ on June, 22nd 2018 at St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco, CA.

With Master of Philosophy Degree from the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley CA and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC, he is currently completing a Doctorate in Sacred Theology at the Catholic University of America.

In his newly published book, *The Shape of the Artistic Mind*, Dominican Priest and former jazz musician, Fr. Brad Elliott seeks to unearth art's roots within the human soul made in God's image.



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CORPUS CHRISTI NOVENA ~ SATURDAY, MAY 25TH thru SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND

We will celebrate for each of these nine days together,

May 25th thru Sunday, June 2nd

the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for our Novena Intentions
with a Homily by Fr. Bradley Elliott OP.

Novena Weekdays begin with Mass at 7:15 PM

Saturday, May 25th & Monday, May 27th thru Saturday June 1st

followed by Compline - the Night Prayer of the Church

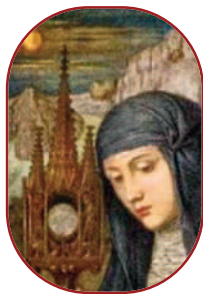
Trinity Sunday, May 26th Mass is at 11:00 AM

Corpus Christi Sunday, June 2nd Mass at 11:00 AM followed by a Procession & Benediction



Note: There will be no 7:15 AM Mass on Novena days, May 25 - June 2
On Friday and Saturday: The Chapel will be open from 8:00 AM-2:30 PM. Our doors will reopen at 6:45 PM for the 7:15 PM Novena Mass.
On Trinity Sunday, our Chapel will be open from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM
Corpus Christi Sunday the Chapel will open at 9:00 AM and close after Benediction

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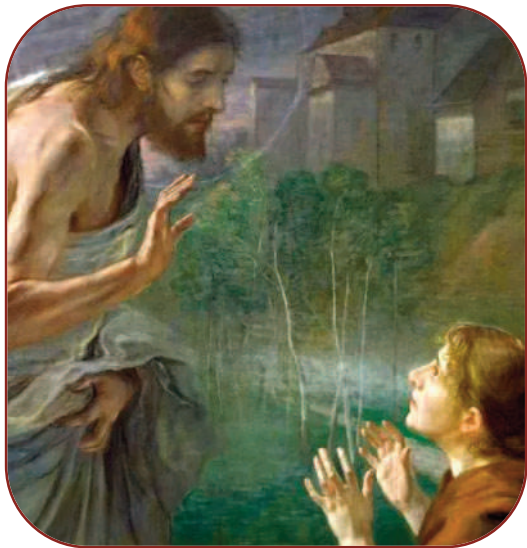
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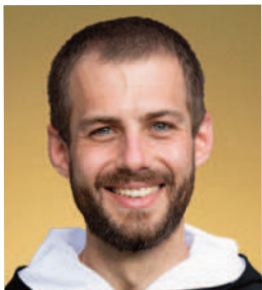
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