

LOURDES

FRANCE, 1888

In 1888, a French priest of the National Pilgrimage proposed the creation of a procession with the Blessed Sacrament in Lourdes; a miraculous healing was then realized. Since then the sick make pilgrimages to Lourdes, are blessed by the Holy Sacrament and countless have been cured of illnesses during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Sanctuary of Lourdes is a clear example of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.



Sanctuary of Lourdes



Bernadette's house



One of the oldest photos of Bernadette by the grotto in 1864



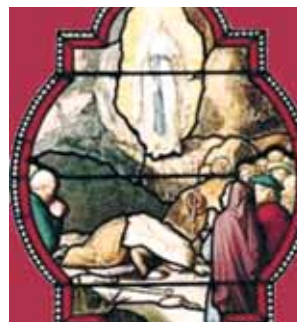
Saint Bernadette



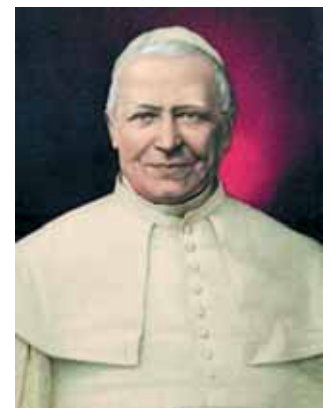
Saint Bernadette decided to embrace religious life and entered into the convent of the Sisters of Charity in Nevers



The incorruptible body of Saint Bernadette in the mother house of the Sisters of Charity in Nevers



Statue of Our Lady in the grotto where she appeared to Bernadette



Pius IX proclaimed the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception "Infallible God" in 1854



Brother Léo Schwager, cured of a grave case of multiple sclerosis during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament



Marie Fabre, was cured during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, of a strong dyspepsia (indigestion) which impeded normal nutrition, causing serious problems with anemia



Marie-Thérèse Canin, during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, was cured of a grave case of tuberculosis



Marie Bigot, semi-blind and deaf, recovers her hearing and eye-sight during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament

On August 22, 1888, at 4:00pm, the first procession with the final blessing of the sick with the Blessed Sacrament took place in Lourdes. It was a priest who first proposed this pious initiative and since then it has never ceased. On this date, when the sick were blessed with the Blessed Sacrament before the grotto of the apparitions, Pietro Delanoy, who suffered from ataxia (an inability to coordinate voluntary muscular movements that is symptomatic of some nervous disorders which inevitably leads to death) for many years, was instantly cured when the tabernacle passed by during the procession. That was the first Eucharistic miracle that took place in Lourdes. From that very date, the Eucharistic procession for the sick has taken place without interruption.



Sister Maria Margherite, cured of an incurable kidney disease during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament



Alice Couteaul, is cured of multiple sclerosis during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament



Louise Jamain, is cured of pulmonary and intestinal tuberculosis during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament