As part of this most recent investigation, the following comment was made: "Though it is alien to my task strictly speaking, I feel I should insert the following reflection into the study just completed: the clarification, which comes through in these studies, of the nature of the flesh gives little support to the hypothesis of a 'fraud' perpetrated centuries ago. As a matter of fact supposing that the heart may have been taken from a cadaver, I maintain that only a hand experienced in anatomic dissection would have been able to obtain from a hollow internal organ such a uniform cut (as can still be glimpsed in the flesh)."

What the doctor, a scientist and not a theologian, is saying in simple language is that although it's not his task to speculate, it would have been difficult, next to impossible, for anyone to have cut a slice of the heart in the way that it was done. He also states that it's highly doubtful that there was any fraud involved.

Another unusual characteristic of the blood is that when liquefied, it has retained the chemical properties of freshly shed blood. When we cut ourselves and stain our clothes, the chemical properties of the blood are gone within 20 minutes to a half hour. If blood is not refrigerated within an hour maximum, the composition rapidly breaks down. If blood were taken from a dead body, it would lose its qualities quickly through decay. This blood is over 1300 years old and still contains all its properties, chemicals and protein of freshly shed blood. And yet in the testing, it was determined that no preservatives of any kind were found in the blood.

****(excerpted from: www.trosch.org)



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" This is My Body... and This is My Blood..."



" Do this in Remembrance of Me..."

The Physical Presence of Jesus

*All questions and doubts about the physical presence in the Eucharist become a matter of rhetoric when you are privileged to witness those who have seen the miracle of Lanciano. Individuals' descend the steps in tears, while many others go down on their knees at the sight of the miracle. What had possibly been curious, doubting Thomas's, become dumbfounded, awestruck believers. They go back to their pews and just sit there, silent, weeping and praying. One priest who went to Lanciano in 1983 wrote the following, "I can never raise the host or wine in Consecration again, without seeing my Lord's very Heart between my fingers, His Blood alive in the Chalice before me."

A pilgrim, born and baptized Catholic, shared with his convert wife, that after venerating the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano, "I never believed in the physical presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. To me, it was strictly 'in memory of Him'. Now, I truly believe that my Jesus comes alive to me personally in the consecrated host that I consume at Holy Mass." On one occasion, after a priest had shown all the pilgrims the Eucharistic Miracle, he came down to the foot of the altar and made the following observation: "Remember, this miracle that you are witnessing now, and that you have traveled so far to witness, happens every day in every church in the world, at the consecration of the Mass."

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**When the miracle first occurred in the year A.D. 700, people witnessing the miracle themselves, began to wail, asking for forgiveness, crying for mercy. Others began beating their breasts, confessing their sins, declaring themselves unworthy to witness such a miracle. Still others went down on their knees in respect, and thanksgiving for the gift the Lord had bestowed on them.

Jesus even allowed Himself to be crucified again. After the miracle, the Host was pinned down to a wooden board, so that when it dried, it would not curl up, as scabbed flesh does. So here he was again, with nails in His Body, and nailed to a piece of wood.

After the miracle took place, 1311 years ago, and then the flesh and blood disintegrated, as would have been normal, the miracle would have been none the less a miracle. But that is not what happened. The miracle is ongoing. The Host-turned-Flesh, and the Wine-turned-Blood, without the use of any preservative, is still present in the reliquary. In

1574, testing was done on the Flesh and Blood and an unexplainable phenomenon was discovered. The five pellets of coagulated Blood are different sizes and shapes. But any combination weighs the same as the total. In other words, 1 weighs the same as 2; 2 weighs the same as 3; and 3 weighs the same as 5.

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***Various ecclesiastical investigations have been conducted through the centuries, but none more pertinent than tests carried forth with modern technology. In 1970-1971 and again in 1981 there were major investigations by an illustrious scientist named Odoardo Linoli, eminent Professor in Anatomy and Pathological Histology and in Chemistry and Clinical Microscopy, and Professor Ruggero Bertelli of the University of Siena.

The analyses were documented with a series of microscopic photographs and what they showed was that the Flesh and the Blood were real; the Flesh is striated cardiac muscular material; the Blood was formed in five clots; both the Flesh and Blood have the same blood-type; and that blood type is AB. "In the Blood there were found proteins in the normal proportions as are found in the sero-proteic make-up of the fresh normal blood," said one report. "In the blood there were also found these minerals: chlorides, phosphorous, magnesium, potassium, sodium and calcium." It is a blood-type identical to what a scientist named Baima Bollone and others uncovered in the Holy Shroud of Turin, (and as explained in the folded napkin pamphlet about the sudarion" reputedly the burial face cloth of Jesus).

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****In summary the results of these tests are as follows:

- 1. The flesh is real flesh. The blood is real blood.
- 2. The flesh consists of the muscular tissue of the heart (myocardium).
- 3. The flesh and blood belong to the human species.
- 4. The flesh and blood have the same blood type (AB).
- 5. In the blood, there were found proteins in the same normal proportions as are found in the scro-proteic make up of fresh, normal blood.
- 6. In the blood, there were also found these minerals: chlorides, phosphorous, magnesium, potassium, sodium and calcium.
- 7. The preservation of flesh and of the blood, which were left in their natural state for twelve centuries (without any chemical preservatives) and exposed to the action of atmospheric and biological agents, remains an extraordinary phenomenon.