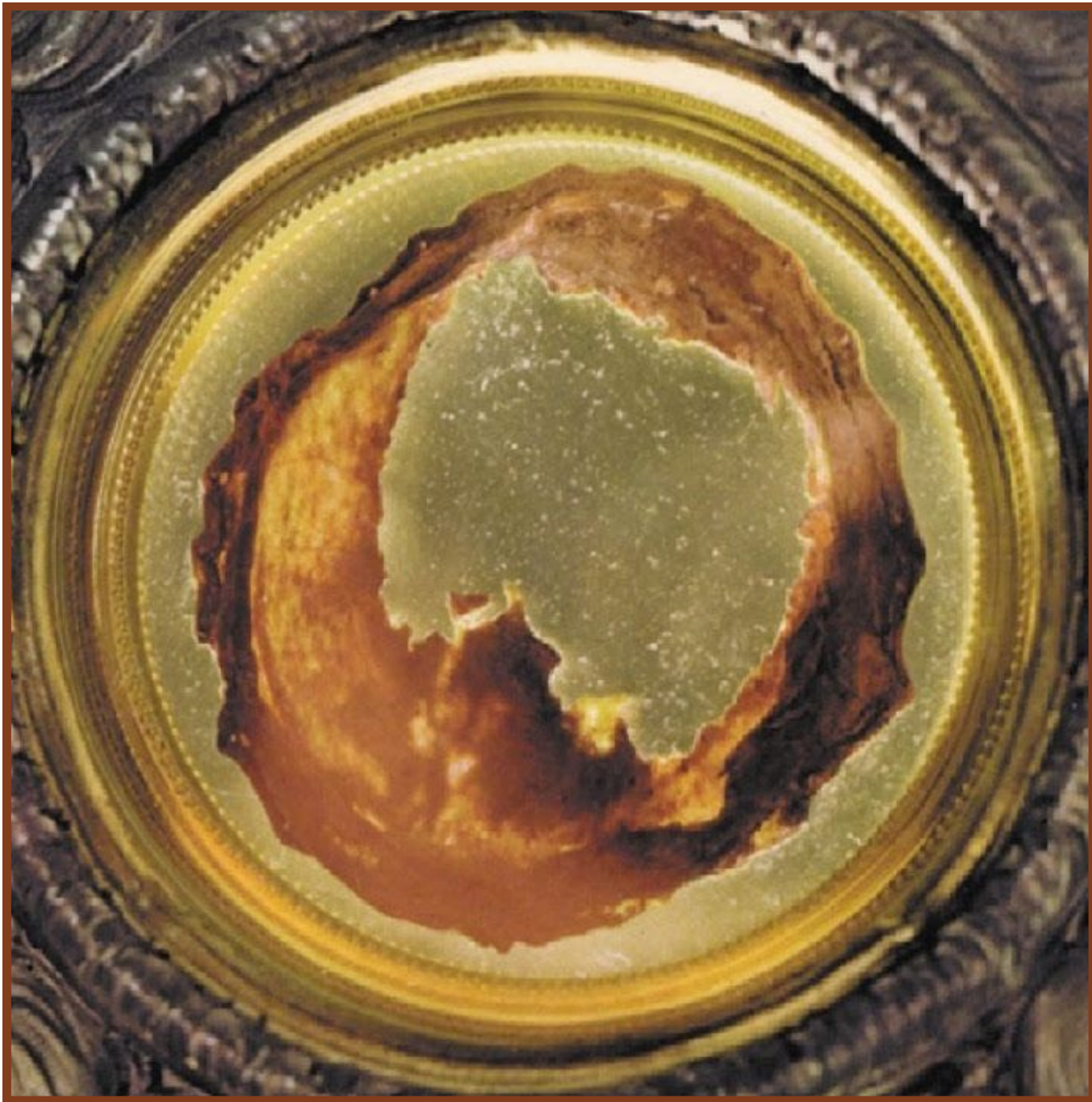


MIRACLE OF LANCIANO



The host transformed into the Body of Christ.



The five coagulated drops of Blood.

Lanciano, Italy, then known as Anxanum, was the location of a stunning Eucharistic Miracle that took place in the ~700 AD. According to ancient texts, a certain Basilian monk was deeply troubled with doubts about transubstantiation and the True Presence in the Eucharist. It was written that he was “...versed in the sciences of the world but ignorant in that of God.” One day when he was celebrating Mass, the host and wine visibly changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus at the words of consecration. After a time, the Blood coagulated into five globules of different sizes, and the Flesh remained the same.

The relics have been well protected over the centuries, and the Church has permitted studies on the Flesh and Blood. Most recently in 1970-1971, Pope Paul VI permitted a series of scientific studies led by Dr. Odoardo Linoli and Dr. Ruggero Bertelli. They concluded that the Flesh is true human heart tissue, specifically including the myocardium, endocardium, and vagus nerve. The Blood proved to be human as well, specifically, type AB. The proteins in the Blood have the same proportions as compared to that of fresh human blood. The professors were also astonished at the condition of the relics, which were intact for centuries despite no trace of preservatives or even air-tight storage.