

## TUMACO, COLUMBIA, 1906

On January 13, 1906, a terrifying earthquake that lasted about 10 minutes shook the tiny island of Tumaco. The sea was rising and quickly transformed into an immense wave. Father Gerardo Larrondo, terrified, at once consumed all the consecrated Hosts from the ciborium, leaving aside only the big Host. Turning then to the people, he exclaimed: “Let us all go to the beach, my children, and may God have mercy on us!” Father Larrondo, with the monstrance in hand, courageously went down to the shore with the people who were weeping and crying out to God. He raised the consecrated Host and traced the Sign of the Cross in the air. The powerful wave suddenly came to a halt and began to recede as if stopped by an invisible force. The sea quickly returned to its normal level.

