## 2023—IRELAND

In July 2023 Fr. Philip Kemmy, the pastor of the Church of All Saints in Newtown-cunningham in the Diocese of Raphoe, Ireland reported the following experience:

Fr. Philip had completed distribution of communion at his position in the church and proceeded to the tabernacle with



his partially filled ciborium. He removed a larger ciborium from the tabernacle and transferred the contents of his ciborium to the larger one. As he was replacing the large ciborium into the tabernacle he experienced a flash as if something had come down in front of his face, not sure of what it might have been. He then closed the tabernacle, genuflected, and lifted the 'empty' ciborium only to discover that it wasn't empty. There was a single host within the ciborium that he had just emptied. He thought to himself, "How did that get there. I definitely emptied that ciborium. Where did that Host come from?" He then repeated the process of transferring the host to the larger ciborium.

Later that day he received a phone call asking, "Tell me. Did you notice anything strange when you were at the tabernacle today?". He replied, "Maybe I'm nuts, but I had the distinct impression that a Host fell out of the sky into the empty ciborium." She answered, "No, you're not. I saw a man receive communion, but retained the Host within his hands while returning to his seat." She became rather concerned that he was walking away with the Eucharist. As she is preparing to challenge him and inform him that he cannot walk away with the Holy Communion, that he must consume it, a strange thing occurred. The host shot out of his hands straight up into the air about 7 feet, stopped ... then moved in the direction of the tabernacle, stopped ... and then dropped down.

Fr. Philip then thought, "OK. I'm not nuts." The lady continued, "There was a woman sitting beside me, and she nearly knocked me out of the pew because she just thumped me, and said, 'Did you just see what I saw?"

An angel for some reason felt it was more important for the Host to be returned to the tabernacle rather than allow that man to continue to have it.