

A Dead Child Restored to Life

On November 8, 1639, years after St. Francis Solanus' death, a five-year-old girl named Maria Monroy fell to the ground from the second-story; down with her came an iron latticework which split her skull, destroyed her face, and put out one of her eyes. When she was picked up, she was dead. Her mother was hysterical with shock and grief and no one could calm her.

Then the mother's eyes fell upon an image of St. Francis Solanus above the bed where the dead child lay, and she began to hope. She demanded oil from a lamp burning before Father Solanus' tomb in the nearby church. When it was brought and applied to the little girl's face and head, there was an instantaneous response. The historical records state: "The eye returned to its orbit, the break in the head closed, and little Maria returned to life with the exclamation, 'Jesus, remain with me!'" The miracle quickly became known far and wide, and another wave of cures followed it.