

*The Statue that Moved to the High Altar*

*Greatly should we worship the statues of the peerless Virgin*

For it is right to revere them and to put great trust in them not for themselves, indeed, but for the Lady whose likeness they are made. And we must never be tempted to slight or demean them.

In which wise I will tell you now of a great miracle that was wrought in Cañete, by this Lady of great worth concerning a statue which a cavaleiro bought and gave

to a church of hers, which lies outside the town, close to the gate, where our worthy Lady does great wonders. The cavaleiro knelt and placed the statue on the High Altar

where it stood for a long time and God worked miracles through it until a bishop came that way from Cuenca, and had it put in another place because it was not to his liking.

The bishop ordered the chaplain to do this, and he at once went and took the statue from the altar; but the next day he found it where it had previously stood

When he saw this, the chaplain thought that someone had moved it, and he hurried to return the statue to where the bishop had ordered him to put it and he locked the church well

and was wise enough to take away the key and in the morning when the dawn broke he found the statue in front of the cross and showed it to all who had assembled

to hear Mass. So all praised God for the Lady who without fail shows her great miracles there, for which many people come to worship her and make offerings.