

## THE POWER OF THE ROSARY – CONCLUSION

The Rosary is an amazing weapon against Satan and its power should be known and preached throughout the Church. There is of course a greater way to pray the Rosary and we will conclude our little series with this story to prove that praying the Rosary before Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament is the greatest means of prayer. Some falsely believe that praying the Rosary before the tabernacle is not the proper thing to do as we are addressing Our Lady; but we need to realize that Our Lady is there. She is in constant adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If we want to find Mary, go to Jesus. If we want to find Jesus, go to Mary. Their Hearts are always united for us!

Here is a story of a priest who knew the power of both the Rosary and praying before the Blessed Sacrament. This priest was the pastor of a small parish in Garnek, in the center of Poland which was 70 km from Warsaw during the Second World War. When the Germans attacked Poland on September 1, 1939, he told the parishioners the following in his homily:

“Today Germans under Hitler attacked Poland. Hitler is under Satan’s influence. Hitler will do terrible things to Poland and Europe, millions will die. Europe will be destroyed. Is there any help for us? Yes, there is assistance. Yes, there is such a saving help for us. That saving help is praying daily the Holy Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. Starting today, until the end of the war, whenever that will be, we will daily pray the Holy Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. I invite everyone to this devotion.”

The war lasted six years. Daily, people would come to pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament and the priest would bless them with the Blessed Sacrament at Benediction, At first, only a few arrived, but as the war went on, more and more came. As news spread that no one from this parish was lost, the church was soon filled to capacity and overflowing.

There was no other place in Poland where German soldiers had not entered with their destruction. On horseback, the Germans were able to enter villages which had no paved roads. Yet, this parish which was so close to Warsaw remained untouched!

In many of these parishes, young men were in the Army. Some fought with the Germans, others with the Russians; none lost their lives; every soldier in this area returned home after the war. Some had been taken prisoners of war so far from home in Siberia – Our Lady watched over them and protected them because of the Rosaries prayed in their home parish.

In conclusion, the power of the Holy Rosary prayed before the Blessed Sacrament was much greater than all the bombs, tanks, machine guns and more powerful than the power of the Germans.

Now as we fear for Christian lives around the world and possible persecution for ourselves, we need to remember these stories that we have been reading and remember to have confidence in

the power of the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. May the Hearts of Jesus and Mary hear our pleas and answer our prayers! Let us pray our daily Rosary and tell others to do the same.

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us!!