## Blessed Mother Brings Victory

Blessed Mother is the Queen of Heaven and the power of the rosary is heavenly. Pope Pius V proclaimed October 7th as the Feast of the Holy Rosary, so all would remember how Blessed Mother intervened during the battle of Lepanto on that very date in 1571 – a battle that pitted the invading strong navy of the Muslims against the small Christian force. The Muslims, with their great navy, had designs to conquer and destroy Europe, including the Christian Faith. The Muslim fleet was so mighty there was no hope – or so it seemed. The only hope was prayer. Pope Pius asked that the rosary be prayed, and it was, fervently, by the Christian sailors and throughout Europe. Heavenly help arrived! Just before the battle at sea, the winds changed – changing everything! The invading Muslim fleet was decimated. The Christian fleet was victorious – through the crusade of people praying the rosary!

**Through Blessed Mother, a priest who prays can lead an entire nation to the light.** In post WWII Austria, the Communists held prize regions and had plans to overtake the nation entirely. Fr. Petrus Pavlicek prayed to Blessed Mother, asking for help. He felt inspired to begin a nationwide rosary campaign. Prayer groups were formed that **prayed the rosary and fasted for the same petition** – to free Austria from the Communists. The people persevered in prayer. When all seemed lost, suddenly, miraculously, the Communists relinquished control and marched out of the country. Not a single bullet was fired! Austria was freed of the evil occupation, thanks to the Mother of God's weapon, the rosary.

Guns cannot stop the rosary. In 1986, there was severe unrest in the Philippines with corruption and murder under the regime of Ferdinand Marcos. Cardinal Sin urged the people to pray the rosary. There was a stand-off on February 22, 1986 in the city of Cubuo. On one side, there was the army, with orders to shoot. On the other, were the faithful with their rosaries. Something happened! The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared and told the soldiers, "Do not harm my children." At once, the soldiers put down their weapons and joined the other side. The Woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at Her feet cannot be defeated. Amen.

## "This kind can only come out through prayer and through fasting." Mk 9:29

We ask that you join us in praying and fasting for an end to abortion, and all the other crimes against life. For who can say they cannot pray? And fasting does the soul and body good! It is good to deny ourselves. The way of the world is to reject the Cross. Through the Cenacles, we will embrace the Cross, asking Jesus through Mary for mercy.