

Rosary Congress, October 7, 2019

History of the Rosary Congress



In a private revelation on December 8, 1978, our Lady requested seven days and nights of continuous Rosaries to be said from May 1-7, 1979, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Częstochowa, Poland, for resolution of the impasse preventing Pope John Paul II's pilgrimage to Poland. With the Bishops' approval, the novena began on May 1st, with 15 conferences on the Rosary, a continuous sequence of Masses, Rosaries, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM, and recitation of the Rosary from 9:00 AM to 5:00 AM. On May 7th, the government relented and removed the major obstacles to the papal visit. The nine days that followed the Pope's arrival in his homeland changed the world.

In 1988, one of the original participants of the Rosary Congress in Poland brought our Lady's gift to us. The first U.S. Rosary Congress was held, that year, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Over the next five years, the Rosary Congress drew 500 people from all over the country. In 1990, the Rosary Congress was held in Ft. Worth, TX, and continued there for a decade. New Orleans, LA, also began a Rosary Congress in 1990 and witnessed the closing of an abortion clinic on the last day of the seven-day Congress. They've continued every year since then, and have seen a remarkable increase in seminarians in the diocese and another abortion clinic close in 2016. We have the ability to unleash the power of Divine Mercy upon our country and, subsequently, upon the world through the Rosary Congress. **Join us in praying the Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on October 7. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the Church. A meditative musical program will be presented from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.**

As we prepare for our participation in the International Rosary Congress on October 7, a film, "**POWER IN MY HANDS;: A Story of Hope and the Power of Prayer,**" will be shown Saturday evening, **September 28th**, and again, on Saturday evening, **October 5th**, at **6:15 PM**, after the 5:00 PM Mass, in the **Parish Library**. From the victory of the Battle of Lepanto, on October 7, 1651 (<https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/the-battle-that-saved-the-christian-west>), to miracles today, the Rosary has the power to change our lives, our families, and our culture. See the film and be inspired.