



## Our Lady of Deliverance - China

Our Lady of Deliverance is the Empress of China. During the Boxer Rebellion at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, 10,000 Boxer soldiers besieged the Beitang Cathedral. Behind the walls of the Cathedral grounds were 3,000 Chinese Catholics, 30 French seamen, 11 Italian soldiers and numerous priests and sisters. The siege lasted two months, a time when these Catholics suffered from the Boxer's mine attacks and flaming rockets. After the siege had ended, the question was asked, "Why did the Boxers attack the empty roof of the Cathedral every night?" The Boxers testified that there was a white lady on the roof with a line of winged soldiers. This "white lady" was our Blessed Mother, accompanied by God's army of angels. Our Lady of Deliverance reminds us that we are in a constant spiritual battle with the devil, who tries to lay siege to our soul. In this battle, we are aided by God's angels and the prayers of Mary and all the saints.