

**The Roman Forum's Gardone Riviera  
Summer Symposium Proudly Presents...**

# First International Catholic Christendom Congress

*“God is not on the side of the big battalions,  
but on the side of those who shoot best.”*

Dear Remnant Readers:

Although Voltaire, the author of the quotation cited above, did not pen it for the use of Catholics, the argument that he makes is absolutely correct. One need only add the comment that those who shoot best *must know precisely what their target really should be*. When the proper target is not identified, skill in shooting is beside the point.

The proper target is the army of spiritual, intellectual, artistic, political, and economic barbarians now “sacking Rome” and dismantling the final remnants of Catholic Civilization in all of its forms. Most believers instinctively know this, but they do not plumb the fullness of the Catholic Tradition to get the tools they need to identify who, exactly, these barbarians are. Instead, they continue to listen to liberal, conservative, neo-conservative, and libertarian teachers, providing *them* soldiers for the Sack of Christian Civilization in the process. In other words, Catholics are targeting themselves rather than the enemy!

The Roman Forum's mission is that of urging believers to flee the enemy camp and return to the complete Catholic Tradition; a Tradition that provides a reliable and militant road map *back* to the *future*. It fulfills this mission through the annual “basic training” that it offers at its Symposium on Lake Garda, *soon to be expanded to a summer-long program*; through its Church History series in New York; and through the Online Academy that it is about to open. It is the only “basic training” organization systematically teaching Catholics how to “shoot best”, with all of the magnificent spiritual, intellectual, artistic, and practical weapons at their disposal.

Why not join us before the Sack of Rome closes off all escape from the disaster? At the moment we have almost fifty priests, professors, and students from more than twelve countries coming to Gardone, this summer, from July 1<sup>st</sup> through July 12<sup>th</sup> (see [www.romanforum.org](http://www.romanforum.org) or The Remnant for further information). They are coming from the New World (the United States, Canada, Mexico, Peru) and from the Old (Italy, France, Spain, the United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Poland, and Estonia). There is still room for five to ten more participants.

As the Roman Forum Summer Symposium becomes more international in character it also becomes more expensive for us to fund. We are still \$10,000 short of our needs for this year, and this is due solely to the fact that we are financing the airfare and accommodations for our faculty (and some of the students) to come from all over the world in order to help us learn, preserve and defend the Catholic intellectual tradition and to see to it that that tradition survives the coming dark age.

Time is running out, I fear. We need your help. Do not let the enemies of our Faith carry the day.

Please, join us on the shores of Lake Garda where for eleven days Catholic liturgy, philosophy and theology will once again reign supreme. But if you cannot come, you can help the mission mightily by playing Lorenzo the Magnificent to our Catholic Renaissance. All gifts, large and small, are most welcome—and tax deductible as well.

**In Christo Rege,  
John Rao**

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**A Meeting of Catholic Minds:** Remnant columnist Christopher Ferrara converses with Dr. Castellano of the University of Udine in Italy and Bernard Dumont, editor of *Catholica* in France.



**International Perspective:** Dr. John Rao introduces a panel discussion led by men from Austria, Spain, France and Italy -- leaders of the traditional Catholic movement in Europe.



**All Walks of Life:** Students of all ages and nationalities with one thing in common, a desire to learn and preserve the Catholic intellectual tradition.



**Intimate and Personal Atmosphere:** Dinner with Mons. Barreiro of HLI in Rome, Chris Ferrara and Brian McCall. The Catholic conversation never stops.



**Lake Garda, Italy:**  
Arguably the most beautiful place in the world



**The Catholic Life:** Daily Traditional Mass, Vespers, and plenty of time to pray in some of Italy's most beautiful churches.



**Alliances and Friendships Form:** Hailing from Latvia, Estonia, America, Austria and England, this group enjoys pleasant conversation and a glass of wine. (Remnant columnist, James Bogle, is the smiling bloke, second from the right.)