



PRESS RELEASE OF *FACCIAMO BRECCIA*

VERONA, ITALY - OCTOBER 19-21 2006

## COUNTER-DEMONSTRATIONS AT J. RATZINGER'S PARADE IN VERONA

Within '*Layca! Autodeterminazione Libertà Laicità*', a program of counter-information and protest during the days of the 'Italian Bishops' National Ecclesial Congress', the network '*Facciamo Breccia*' along with various grassroots of Verona (*Circolo Pink*, *CSOA La Chimica*, *Biblioteca G.Domaschi*) promotes three days of action, culture and demonstrations, October 19-21.

### CONTENTS & VENUES

#### THURSDAY OCT 19TH 2006

5 PM [Piazza S.Toscana, Verona]

##### **FROCESSIONE – WAY OF THE CROSS-DRESSERS**

a queer *via Dolorosa* along the streets of Verona, with cross stations reporting past and present responsibilities of the Vatican as for the sorrow of lesbians, trans, women gays. Start at Piazza S.Toscana and arrival in Piazza Isolo.

6 -11 PM [Piazza Isolo, Verona]

##### **SELF DETERMINATION AND SECULARISM SQUARE**

a counter-information meet-up in Piazza Isolo with exhibits, live acts & performances, music, books, drinks & food...

#### FRIDAY OCT 20TH 2006

10 AM [via del Lavoro 8 Verona]

##### **SIT IN @ TRADE FAIR OF VERONA**

a protest gathering at the very site of the Italian Bishops' National Ecclesial Congress

7 -23 PM [CSOA La Chimica - Piazza Zagata Verona]

##### **BOOK PRESENTATION AND DINNER**

a meeting with the authors of '*LiberaMente*', journal of debate and criticism promoting a free, non-conformist and anti-authoritarian thought.

Follows '*Fornelli Ribelli*', secular and libertarian dinner party with music and live acts (Alessio Lega e Rocco Marchi).

#### SATURDAY OCT 21ST 2006

4 PM [Sala Lucchi - Piazzale Olimpia 9, Verona]

##### **CONFERENCE 'IL NUOVO PROGETTO VATICANO DI EGEMONIA'**

conference on the Vatican temptation for despotism.

Discussants: Giorgio Galli (political scientist and historian University of Milan), Lidia Menapace (Italian parliamentary member and ex-resistant during liberation from nazi-fascism), Carlo Pauer Modesti (sociologist), activists of '*Facciamo Breccia*'.

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### 'LAYCA! AUTODETERMINAZIONE LAICITÀ LIBERTÀ'

The fourth Bishops' National Ecclesial Congress and the visit of Pope Ratzinger in Verona are being imposed as obligatory matter on all citizens, as proven by the planned closing of public schools, the incredible amount of public funding provided by national and local governments, the public works of restyling of churches (carried out in conditions of hurry and lack of safety that cost the life of 2 foreign construction workers) or the weekly cleansing raids at the expenses of the foreign and homeless population.

As a network of activists that stood up in defence of the **values of self-determination of all subjectivities and of secularity of society**, Facciamo Breccia points at these forthcoming events as part of wider political guidelines of a Catholic Church that decided to base on the most reactionary part of the Italian society to empower a policy of political orientation in Europe and the world.

Mass indoctrinators as Ratzinger and Ruini (head of the Italian Bishops) well represent the arrogance of a Church whose power and wealth seem to be ever growing (also thanks to tax exemptions, subsidies and a variety of economic arrangements of the Italian government).

The Roman catholic Church (and its authoritarian Vatican state) have long proven responsible of worldwide support in dictatorships and non-democratic regimes and, shamefully, in the boycott of AIDS prevention especially in the South of the world, in catholic countries where religious institutions of various kind fully manage cooperation & development funds and resources.

To this respect, the choice of Verona, infamous base for cristian integralism and xenophobic neo-fascist radicalism, is significant of the outspoken attacks of Ratzinger against individual choice and self-determination of women, lesbians, gays, trans\* and migrants; what has become an easy, ready-made ideological base for a number of racist and homophobic crimes in Italy, from rape to murder.

However, Verona is much more than that, as a place of action and speech of workers, students, lesbians, women, trans\*, gays that re-affirm the values of a secular society, open to choice in behaviour and life plans, free to desire and experiment.

For further info:

[www.circolopink.it/no-vat.htm](http://www.circolopink.it/no-vat.htm)

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**Facciamo Breccia** is a spontaneous movement of citizens, groups, associations re-affirming a secular and laic culture, setting against the Vatican interferences on bodies and life choices, affirming the self-determination of every subject and promoting the acknowledgement of the diversity. With this aim, starting from 2005 Facciamo Breccia organized initiatives and demonstrative actions in the cities of Bologna, Florence, Milan, Rome, Turin and Verona, and the national No Vat(ican) demonstration in Rome of Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. For information and list of support and adhesion please refer to [www.facciamobreccia.org](http://www.facciamobreccia.org)