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Rome still looks for favoured place within new EU constitution



Silvio Berlusconi, President of the European Council

The “bishops of Europe” have renewed their call for a reference to Christianity in the preamble of the future EU Constitution. By “Christianity” they mean, of course, Roman Catholicism.

In a letter to Silvio Berlusconi, the President and Vice-Presidents of COMECE welcomed the achievement of the European Convention, which drafted the proposed Constitutional Treaty and which they describe as “a successful innovation in the European democratic process.” As the current President of the European Council, Mr Berlusconi will open the Inter-Governmental Conference that will decide on the Constitutional Treaty in Rome on 4 October.

COMECE is a commission of the Roman Catholic Bishops’ conferences of the member states of the European Union.

Bishop Josef Homeyer from Hildesheim, Germany, Bishop Adrianus van Luyn from Rotterdam, Netherlands and Archbishop Hippolyte Simon, from Clermont, France, who recently met in Brussels, also welcomed the proposed references to “Europe’s religious inheritance and values, to the protection of religious freedom and to the identity and specific contribution of Churches and religious communities.” This represents, in their view, “significant progress in the way in which religion is taken into account in the European Union’s constitutional architecture.”

They, nevertheless, renew their call for a reference to ‘Christianity’ in the preamble of the Constitution, which, they say, “would complete the Constitution by giving concrete expression to what many citizens recognise as the source of the values on which the European project is founded.”

“Given that Christianity’s contribution to European civilisation is undeniable, omitting such a reference would be difficult to understand for many citizens in Europe, whether or not they believe in the Transcendent,” they conclude.

Comment. Rome will continue to lobby for a favoured position within the EU constitution. It is but the beginning of that movement which will see apostate religion sit astride the dominions of the Antichrist, as set forth in Revelation 17:3-4. From that position she will be cast down and destroyed in the final stages of Antichrist’s rise to ultimate power, Revelation 17:16-18.