



*Catholic Church Reform Int'l.*

A global network seeking renewal of the Church

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To all striving for the renewal of our Church -

## **Forum in Rome well received**

Our ***Forum on the Family: Listening to the Faithful*** was both provocative and motivating - bringing us even more aligned with other Reform Groups from around the world. Being together in the same city - the Eternal City - gave us in the reform movement the opportunity to interact with each other face to face and agree that we are at a significant transitional moment in the Church. Because Pope Francis is meeting with strong resistance from some Cardinals, he needs support to move the Church forward in the direction he appears to want, namely, to lead it to become more merciful and compassionate. As we have discussed among ourselves, by speaking with one very strong voice, he is more likely to hear us and to feel the support.

A recording was made at the Forum if you would like to [listen to our speakers](#): John Buggy, Bob Mickens, Marilyn Hatton, Paul Collins, and Sr. Mary John Mananzan.

Our time here has truly been a full and exciting week. Janet Hauter has been keeping up our blog with [day by day reports](#) on our Rome Adventure. Go there to read about our challenges and successes and to see photos now posted on our blog.

## **Our Forum receives good Press Coverage**

All the work of our Advisors and committee members has been beneficial. And thanks to all who participated in our worldwide Regional Gatherings and Surveys, the results have been tallied into a meaningful [Summary Report](#). Please feel free to download it, read it, and share it with others who may find it useful.

Here are a few of the media reports that have come out this week on the Forum:

[\*\*Catholic Church Reform's Alternate Gathering on the Family highlights lay vocation\*\*](#) by Joan Chittister, October 2, 2014

[\*\*Reform Group Rome Calls for Family Input in Synod\*\*](#) by Joshua McElwee, October 2, 2014

[\*\*CCRI invites all Reformers to come together to share their hopes for the Synod\*\*](#) from Future Church, October 3, 2014

[\*\*Reformers to Pope Francis: Don't wait for the Bishops\*\*](#), La Crux, October 3, 2014

[\*\*As CCRI raises our banner to ask for Families to have a Vote in Family Synods, we are surrounded by the gendarmes\*\*](#) from Future Church Oct. 5, 2014

## Articles on the Synod

[\*\*Pope opens Synod criticizing bishops who are bad shepherds\*\*](#) by Josh McElwee, October 5, 2014

[\*\*The Vatican's Family Synod: a Francis Farce or a Real Reform so far?\*\*](#) by Jerry Slevin

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