



## COLDONICO GATE OR SAINT ROCCO'S GATE\*

\* This building has disappeared

You find this point of interest in Cantù 2 - Stage 2

### INFORMATION

**Location:** Coldonico Gate stood close to Sonvico chemist's shop at 34, via Matteotti; the shop still shows visible remains of a tower.

### DESCRIPTION

Coldonico gate (also known as Caldonico Gate), that is the gate of the *Collis Dominicus* (= hill owned by the landlord) is already mentioned in notarial acts at the end of the XIV century; it is therefore reasonable to presume that the gate was one of the accesses opened in the middle-age in the walls encircling the city of Cantù.

Upon interpretation of the available documents, it is presumed that the Coldonico gate, as the gate mentioned as *San Rocco's gate* in the rev. Annoni's map, stood at the southern extreme of the borough, at the end of Contrada Colle di Vico, on the road to Milan. The name was probably assigned to the gate after 1537, possibly following the construction nearby of the oratory dedicated to Saint Rocco, which stood on the corner between piazza Volontari della Libertà and via Enrico Brambilla, deconsecrated and sold at an auction in the eighties of the XVIII century, at the time of the suppression of the monastery ordered by the Austrian Emperor Joseph II.