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## Friday Meat OK in Italy

Rome — (NC) — The Italian bishops have dispensed this country from the universal law of Friday abstinence from meat except during the season of Lent.

In its place they recommend the substitution of other penitential acts which are, nevertheless, left to the free choice of the individual. Such acts could be "abstinence from specially favored or costly foods, one of the spiritual or corporal works of mercy, the reading of a selection from sacred scripture, a pious exercise preferably in the form of family prayer, greater acceptance in carrying daily crosses, giving up a show or amusement, or other acts of mortification."

## Indulgences No Substitute

Castelgandolfo — (NC) — Pope Paul VI commented on the Church's concept of indulgences on the 750th anniversary of the granting of the August 2 "Portiuncula" indulgence to St. Francis of Assisi.

"It is certainly not," he said in a letter to the Franciscan Vicar General, "an easier way, allowing us to avoid the necessary penitence for sins. Rather it is a support, a help which each of the faithful, cognizant in all humility of his own weakness, finds in the Mystical Body of Christ which is ever concerned for their conversion."

Conversion itself, he said — or penitence — involves a "change of thinking (the Greek word is metanoia) and therefore must involve a change in the whole man."

## Seminarians In Dialogues

Baltimore — (NC) — Seminarians here are being given the opportunity to discuss the problems of the modern priesthood in a series of dialogues with active parish priests.

The dialogues were initiated by Father John McCall, director of vocations. The first one was addressed by Lawrence Cardinal Shehan.

## 'Where the Action is'

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picketing, and the court hearing, all of which were reported in detail in a recent issue of Look magazine.

In a letter to Basilian Father Joseph Trovato, chaplain at St. John Fisher, Parmalee decried Chicago's West Side tenements as places that "make the slums I have seen back home and in New York City look like pretty decent places." He and other volunteers have gone into the homes to introduce the Cabrini Project to people in the area, particularly Negro non-parishioners.

On the glad side, Parmalee praised the liturgy as it is developing in Chicago. "Cabrini parish really knows what's happening as far as the liturgy goes," he wrote to Father Trovato. "They've got spontaneous prayer, kiss of peace, and all sorts of little things that make the Mass have some meaning. Best of all, every day the celebrant gives a homily that is short, sweet, and relevant."

"There's a tremendous atmosphere of personalism, for example, at one Mass, during the prayers for the living, the priest said: 'Lord, please do something for that kid of Mrs. Jones. He took off three days ago and his mother is going through hell, worrying about him.' That's a small thing, but it adds to a personal atmosphere, which to me is essential."



## Some Kidding in this Case

Carmelite Father Jonas Thaliath is air-lifting U.S. goats to India for milk and food for that hungry nation. This year's six goats are expected to produce a total of 5000 in five years. The project is financed by the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

## Pope Eases Warning on Evolution

By FATHER ROBERT A. GRAHAM, S.J.

Special Correspondent

Rome — (RNS) — One of the Second Vatican Council's unfinished items — the Church's stand on evolution — has suddenly become a live issue here.

The official revision of an important papal discourse that had already been distributed to the world — press — pinpointed the areas of debate and probably put the issue of evolution and the theories of Father Teilhard de Chardin, controversial French Jesuit biologist and geologist who died in 1955, in clearer perspective than ever before.

In the discourse Pope Paul VI delivered on July 11 to a group of theologians and exegetes summoned to Rome to discuss the problem of Original Sin — reportedly in anticipation of a papal encyclical later on — some phrases aroused immediate concern and the text of the crucial passages issued by the Vatican Information Office was withdrawn.

It was not until the end of the week — in its issue of July 15 — that L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican City newspaper, published the full and final version.

Observers immediately noted that on the major disputed points concerning the Church's stand on evolution, the Pope's remarks had been substantially modified and toned down.

It is reported that some of the theologians and Scripture scholars present at the audience had pleaded for a revision of the Pope's directives to them, on the grounds that they foreclosed discussion of the very matters on which they had been called to advise the pontiff.

In any case, it is clear that by his revision, the Pope did not wish — at least at this time —

## Perpetual Help Film To Be Made

Bangalore, India — (NC) — The Redemptorist Fathers here will make a documentary film on Our Lady to mark the 100th anniversary of the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The film will cost \$5,000, 60 percent of which has been collected in donations. The rest will be paid by the Redemptorists.

to insist on the ideas which he first presented to the group.

The changes center around the question of polygenism, or the view that the present human race may not be derived from one single progenitor, Adam, but as a result of evolution and through many Adams.

This concept presents some questions from the standpoint of the Church's doctrine of Original Sin, for, according to this teaching, expressed in various Councils and in the tradition of the Church, Original Sin is derived from the disobedience of one man, Adam, and this sin is transmitted to the whole human race by "propagation."

In the address which he actually delivered, the Pope adopted a severe and critical attitude toward evolution in general and polygenism in particular. Yet it was not his desire to create another Galileo case, since in the same address he stressed in his instruction to the theologians that the fruit of their inquiry should be to "define and to present Original Sin in a more modern way, that is, in a way more satisfying to the exigencies of faith and reason as these needs are

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## A Time To Praise The Police

San Francisco — (NC) — Civilian review boards and mindlessly repeated charges of "police brutality" were blasted here by a Dominican priest from St. Albert's College, Oakland.

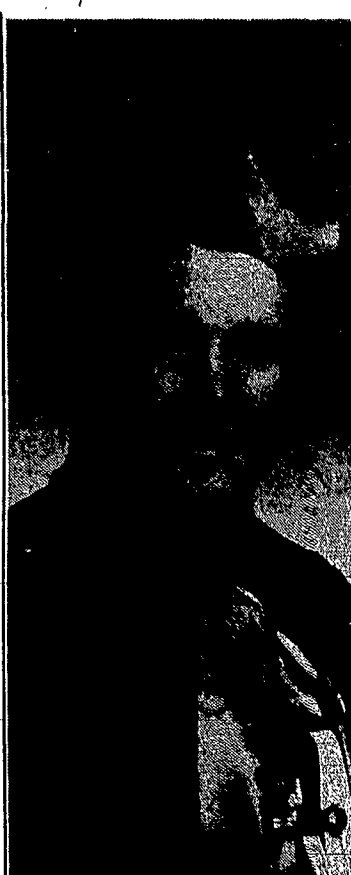
"Police fidelity" might be a more apt phrase to describe the activities of most of the nation's finest, Father Francis Nouza, O.P. said in an address to the International Conference of Police Associations, at the Jack Tar Hotel.

"The voice of law enforcement must be heard in our community," the priest stressed. "It's a matter of justice. All legitimate authority is derived from God."

The priest, who is a graduate of Oakland's police academy, said what he called "things that needed saying."

"Instances of police brutality are rare indeed," he noted, "and yet the community seems as frightened as if they were commonplace."

"I wonder if the community knows," he added, "that every five days an officer loses his life in the line of duty, not to mention numerous serious and handicapping injuries sustained by policemen."



Rochesterian

Franciscan Bishop Nicholas D'Antonio, a native of Rochester, was at the cathedral in Baltimore Monday to head a mission diocese in Honduras where he has been a missionary priest since 1945. He was born in Rochester July 10, 1916, but his family later moved to Baltimore.

ed, of polygenism, they deny more or less clearly that the sin, from which such a host of evils has befallen mankind, could have been principally the disobedience of Adam, the first man, a figure of the future man, committed in the beginning of history." and

The following are modified texts of two important passages in the papal discourse of July 11 on evolution as published July 16.

"It is evident that those explanations which some modern authors give of Original Sin would seem irreconcilable with genuine Catholic doctrine. Taking off from the presupposition, which has not been prov-

## Birth Control Subsidy Faces Cut Off in Penn.

Harrisburg — (RNS) — Rep. Martir P. Mullen, chairman of Pennsylvania's House Appropriations Committee, claimed here that he has sufficient support in the House to kill the controversial birth control program of the State Public Welfare Department.

Senate action on the issue, however, is also required before his measure — banning use of public funds for birth control services to welfare clients — could go to Gov. William W. Scranton for consideration.

The dispute has grown into a religious issue in the state.

Some denominations are split on the issue of birth control assistance.

The Catholic hierarchy has opposed the Welfare Department program; some 40 civic and religious agencies, including the State Council of Churches, endorse it.

Since December the Public Welfare department has been making referrals of persons on relief to physicians or planned parenthood clinics for consultation and professional services.

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