

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Monday, April 15, 1985

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. Mention Rome and chances are your first thought will be of Pope John Paul II and the Vatican. Certainly the presence of the Roman Catholic spiritual leader helps give the Italian city the name, The Eternal City. But there's much more to Rome, and to Italy. We'll talk about all of that today with our guest, Aaron W. Godfrey, who is recently returned from there.

Bill Godfrey is a professor in comparative literature and teaches Latin at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. I'll take a guess, Professor Godfrey, and say that you might get more of a chance to speak and read Latin in Rome than anywhere else in the world. Would I be correct in that guess?

INTERVIEW GODFREY:

- Latin as a dead language
- Cultural, economic conditions
- Stereotypes
- Views of Americans
- His new book for beginning Latin

14:00

We'll take a short break and return in a moment.

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

Hi. I'm Al Oickle, and I'm at the State University of New York at Stony Brook with Aaron W. Godfrey. Professor Godfrey is a member of a very small group -- teachers of Latin. He's just back from several months in Rome and Italy.

INTERVIEW DR. GODFREY:

- Pope and his influence (abortion, women in church)
- National politics
- International influence
- Defining Italy's roles in future
- Latin as living language in Italy, U.S.
- Wind up with review of his book

29:00

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