

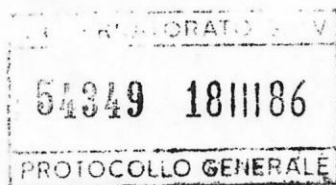


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Dear Father Coyne,

This Office duly received your detailed dossier concerning the present situation of the Vatican Observatory at Castel Gandolfo and the difficulties being experienced as a result of atmospheric pollution and the increase in urban lighting. The documentation likewise described the encouraging prospects offered by the activities of the Vatican Observatory Research Group at Tucson, Arizona.

The Holy Father has directed me to convey his best wishes for the success of the new project now in hand, which will both benefit science and serve the faith. He cordially imparts to you and your collaborators his Apostolic Blessing.

With every good wish, I remain.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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