

Basic Detail Report

Giovanni Franzoni and Giulio Carlo Argan

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Giovanni Battista Franzoni is a Christian communist and dissident Catholic theologian. A popular abbot at St. Paul's Outside the Walls, one of the most popular churches in Rome, he was defrocked by Pope Paul VI, with whom he had feuded over theology, during the Cold War, after he had announced his intention to vote for the Italian Communist Party in 1976, which Franzoni had joined in June of that year. Giulio Carlo Argan was an Italian art historian and politician. He was the first Communist mayor of Rome, between 1976 and 1979.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.3 x 20.2 cm (11 7/8 x 8 in.)