

# Merced Priest Faces Madera Morals Count

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MADERA — **Rev. Henry Angelino**, 39, Merced Sacred Heart Catholic Church pastor, is free on \$1,000 bail on two charges of immoral conduct with a young boy.

He was arrested in a Madera County sheriff's raid on a Highway 99 auto court cabin north of here Sunday night. Officers charged him with violation of Section 702 of the welfare and institution code which forbids conduct likely to lead children into delinquency.

## Admits Conduct

Sheriff W. O. Justice said **Rev. Angelino** made a statement to officers admitting improper conduct with two boys over a period of a year and a half.

Officers said **Angelino's** only statement in explanation of his conduct was he had been guilty of a weakness.

Sheriff Justice declared the officers had been told some time ago of suspicions concerning the priest, who formerly served churches in Bakersfield, Fresno and Le Grand. He said his officers received a call Sunday night directing them to the auto court where they reported they found **Angelino** and a 15 year old boy.

## Born In Gilroy

Justice said the Merced clergyman admitted other trips with boys for immoral purposes. Officers said the priest registered under an assumed name in each instance; the boys were not registered.

**Angelino**, born in Gilroy the son of a Baptist minister, studied for the priesthood in Italy and was ordained a priest in Los Angeles in 1943. He was chaplain of the Knights of Malta, an order of chivalry. He became pastor of Merced Sacred Heart Catholic Church last December.