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Pontiff will wheel about in a--uh--Popemobile

During his October visit to Chicago and five other U.S. cities, Pope John Paul II will use several forms of transportation: chartered commercial jet planes, helicopters, bubbletop cars and--last, but not least--three "Popemobiles."

Sources familiar with plans for the papal visit told The Sun-Times Wednesday that the Ford Motor Co. is transforming three Ford Broncos into Popemobiles.

The four-wheel-drive recreation vehicles will be modified to include platforms for the Pope to stand on, making him easily visible to the crowds expected to line the routes of his motorcades.

What will happen to the Popemobiles after the Pope returns to Rome?

The sources could not answer that question. Nor did they seem to have any idea of how much trade-in value a used Popemobile will have.