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**Syrian vice president says neither side can win war** [2]

**Dukakis seen as possible Senate replacement if Kerry tapped for State** [3]

Fort Worth, Texas -- Volunteer to parish youth, who was accused of "boundary issues," **sues diocese of defamation** [4]

**Catholic priests respond quickly to Conn. school shooting** [5]

Church of England -- **Female bishop row deepens as priest refuses promotion in protest** [6]

Salem, Mass. -- **Salem?s four Catholic churches could be among first to try new Boston archdiocese re-organization plan** [7]

Minnesota -- More than a month after Minnesota became the first state to defeat a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage**, some Catholics say it?s time to acknowledge how divisive that effort was within the church.** [8]

Philippine lawmakers will cast a decisive vote on Monday night that could lead to the approval of a highly contentious law **allowing wider distribution of contraceptives to poor couples while requiring schools to teach sex education to teenage students.** [9]

Sydney, Australia -- A former Catholic brother and convicted pedophile will fight an attempt to extradite him from New Zealand to Australia **where he is facing 252 child sex charges.** [10]

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