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A photo of a firefighter and Franciscan Fr. Mychal Judge, a chaplain with the New York Fire Department, top, are seen on a beam from the World Trade Center at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York City. (CNS/Bob Roller)



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Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago bans guns from church property.

Latino seminarians are ready to serve middle America in the Omaha Archdiocese.

Discussion around Steve Bannon's remarks on Catholic bishops and immigration continues, including why evangelicals are supportive of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. (Hint: they are seeking market share among immigrant communities).

Could Fr. Mychal Judge of 9/11 fame become a gay canonized saint? He is remembered not only for his fire chaplaincy work and for being an early casualty on 9/11 in New York's World Trade Center. He was active in AIDS ministry as well.

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When I was imprisoned, you visited me. Parishioners in Indiana take the Scripture to heart.

Another scam to watch out for: authorities say a travel agent ripped off Catholic parishes in Westchester, New York, in conjunction with arrangements for World Youth Day.

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