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I've been trying to get my head around the Republican tax plan. Probably the most important thing I learned is "Many important details were left for Congress to hash out." Here are some resources that I am reading:

- **Six Charts That Help Explain the Republican Tax Plan**
- **The New Republican Tax Plan Still Isn't a Plan**: The so-called "framework" for tax reform has more gaps than substance.
- **Pres. Trump releases tax plan, but will it pass bitterly divided Congress?** (Video)
- Opinion: **The Surprisingly Good 'Republican' Tax Plan**. This is from Forbes.
- Opinion: **Economists Have No Use for Republican Tax Cuts**: They don't boost growth; they just add to deficits.
- House Speaker Paul Ryan on tax reform: **'We really can get this done this year'** (Hey remember that Sinsinawa Dominican who schooled Speaker Ryan on Catholic social teaching? She told us: "**Oh, gosh. He talks about being a Catholic, but it seems to me that he missed the whole part on Catholic social teaching**.")
- **Team Trump can't 'guarantee' middle class won't face tax increase**

ICYMI: A "year of gratitude" celebration kicks off tomorrow in Chicago: **As 8th Day Center for Justice enters final year, sisters shepherd center's conclusion**

Jesuit Fr. Hans Zollner, a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, speaks to Vatican Radio about **the lessons learned during the past three years of work.**

Here's our report on the meeting (his first) Pope Francis had with the commission: **Pope admits Catholic Church waited too long to respond to clergy abuse crisis**

Related news: **Several priests in prison for child sex abuse still being paid by Louisville Catholic church**

This story, originally reported Sept. 26, was updated Sept. 28. **Minnesota diocese settles in lawsuit against Bishop Hoeppner**. You can read the letter the deacon candidate was asked to sign.

And from our neighbors to the north: **Canadian bishops won't publish new policy on minor protection till 2018**. The child protection protocols the church in Canada now operate under, "From Pain to Hope," date from June 1992. New guidelines were supposed to have been published in 2016.

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We've done a bit of reporting about U.S. Catholics forced out public speaking gigs. (See, for example, **Martin**, **Bratten Weiss** and **Copeland**.) Here's some news from Poland about a gag order lifted: **Silenced priest speaks against Catholic Church's cozy relationship with Polish government**

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