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Of course the top news of the day is: **US cardinal asserts unity with pope after former doctrine chief questions Francis**. "Of course, we're loyal," US bishops' conference president asserts.

A Nation Under Trump: This week NCR takes a closer look:

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Contraception: The Topic that Won't Go Away.

- Under the Golden Dome: **Notre Dame takes advantage of Trump rule, drops birth control coverage**
- **Lawsuit targets Trump's rollback of birth-control rule**
- Did you see this story from NCR: **Contraception mandate: women's health or religious liberty issue?**
- Some commentary: **Expanding exemptions on contraception mandate nothing to celebrate**
- More Commentary: **Ending birth control coverage, Notre Dame abandons its progressive legacy on women's rights**

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Pope Francis admits he falls asleep sometimes while praying "There is Psalm 129 … that says that I am before God like a child in the arms of his father," he said. "This is one of the many ways in which the name of God becomes sanctified — feeling like a child in his arms."

Cardinal DiNardo has unruly theologians to worry about, but at least he can celebrate: **Houston Astros win the first World Series championship in franchise history by romping past the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-1 in Game 7.**

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