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The U.S. bishops are wrapping up their meeting in Baltimore today. **USCCB Fall 2017**.) Some of the highlights:

- **Bishops' discussion of marriage document, pastoral plan strikes traditionalist tone**
- Commentary from Michael Sean Winters: **US bishops, electing Naumann to lead pro-life committee, break tradition**
- **Catholic Church sometimes has been part of racism problem, says bishop**

You've probably read about (or experienced first hand) parish closings and mergers in the USA. Read about what European churches are doing: **Europe's church creatively rethinks as numbers plummet**

A related story, a case study in how a diocese plans for and implements restructuring: **Healing conflicts amid closures and consolidations,**

You may have seen Attorney Jeff Sessions suggest his office might investigate. **Fox News anchor destroys conspiracy theory about Hillary Clinton and Uranium**

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Pope Francis is headed to Myanmar and Bangladesh at the end of this month. **Myanmar reaps the benefit of abandoned Rohingya land** Forced to flee for their lives, refugee farmers are furious that the authorities are harvesting their crops

Cards Against Humanity buying plot of land on border to try to stop Trump's wall What is Cards Against Humanity? It is a card-based party game that my sister won't let us play when the family gets together at Thanksgiving.

Speaking of tax plans, check out what is happening in Kansas: Americans for Prosperity, the anti-tax, Koch Brothers-funded political group, is carpet-bombing Kansas mailboxes with campaign-style fliers to discredit lawmakers who voted for tax increases this year. The Kansas City Star says: **"The conservative organization has it wrong. The lawmakers in their sights — about 60 across the state — are heroes."**

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New York -- **College of New Rochelle faces second lawsuit over layoffs** The school founded by Ursuline sisters in 1904 is in financial trouble.

Canada -- Almost every month for a year, lawsuits have been filed against the Catholic Church in New Brunswick by alleged victims seeking compensation for sexual abuse by priests. **The number of lawsuits filed has reached 56.** The allegations come after an extensive, two-year reconcilation process headed by a former judge that saw the Archdiocese of Moncton pay out $10.6 million for victims and the Diocese of Bathurst $5.5 million.

The scandal-marred Legion of Christ Roman Catholic religious order acknowledged Tuesday it had offshore companies in Caribbean tax havens in the past, **but said they had been closed and that none was used for illegal activities.**

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