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Children welcome Pope Francis at Yangon International Airport in Yangon, Myanmar, Nov. 27. See links below. (CNS/Paul Haring)

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YANGON, MYANMAR -- Pope Francis has become the first pontiff to travel to Myanmar, landing here Nov. 27 for a three-day visit **as the majority Buddhist nation is facing international outcry over its persecution of a minority Rohingya Muslim population.**

- A bit of background on the trip: **Trip to Myanmar and Bangladesh may test Francis' diplomatic skills**
- Pope Francis will visit Myanmar Nov. 27-30 and Bangladesh Nov. 30-Dec. 2. **Read all NCR coverage of the trip here.**

GOP economic policy: Some call it supply side economics, others call it trickle-down theory. Some called it voodoo-economics. Let's call the whole thing off.

- Kansas is currently trying to extricate itself from an experiment in trickle-down economics and **Kansans urge Americans to learn from their economic mistakes**
- Michael Sean Winters says **GOP tax reform is unproven trickle-down theory**
- Orrin Hatch is facing one of the toughest tasks of his 40-year political career: **Ushering a massive tax reform bill through a narrowly divided Senate.** (Annoying video advertisement. Be prepared.)

More news from the nation's capital: **Congress Returns to Intense Pressure to End Secrecy Over Sex Harassment**

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- **Franken ashamed but says he'll return to work on Monday: Ending 8-day silence, senator says he can still be effective as crucial bills await.**

Welcome to the holiday season: **Guns were Black Friday must-haves, going by the FBI’s record 203,086 background-check requests**

More dismantling of progress made during the last administration: **Battle for Control of Consumer Agency Heads to Court**

Commentary by Massimo Faggioli: **Polarization in the Church and the crisis of the Catholic mind**

Catholica, the Australian website for Catholic news and opinion, carries an address by Bishop Vincent Long (whom Catholica calls "the boat-person-refugee-turned-Franciscan-and-bishop") to Manly Seminary Reunion. Long **calls out the trappings of clericalism and claims the space of servant-leadership for the future of the priesthood.**

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Fr. Gerald O'Collins (another Australian) has a new book, with John Wilkins (former editor of The Tablet of London), about English translations of liturgical texts. **They call for dumping the 2010 translations and reinstating the 1998 translations**. The book was written before Pope Francis released ***Magnum Principium***.

Global Sisters Report asks an international panel of women religious: **Have you seen a shift in ministries in your congregation over the past 10 to 25 years?** Read their answers in the latest edition of "The Life."

Edinburg, Texas -- The nearly 60-year saga in the death of a schoolteacher and beauty queen is expected to reach its conclusion by the end of the year **as the former priest accused with her murder finally faces a jury**.

Jackson, Michigan -- **Court denies appeal of former high school priest in prison for sex abuse**. He contends charges brought against him in 2015 were barred by the statute of limitations and should have been dismissed.

UISG meeting in the Philippines: **International sisters' group addresses interculturality as essential to religious life**

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