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Pilgrims traveled by train for two days to see Pope Francis in Yangon, Myanmar. The pope arrived in Myanmar Nov. 27 for a four-day visit. See links below. (CNS/Soe Zeya Tun, Reuters)

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