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Northern Ireland: After parents told him they didn't want him confirming their children, **[John McAreavey has resigned as Catholic Bishop of Dromore with immediate effect.]** Controversy has come since the public learned that he officiated more than 15 years ago at the funeral Mass of a priest known at that time by the diocese to be a child abuser.

Here is what we say about guns: **[Single-mindedness needed for common sense gun laws]**

Because this is what they say: **Trump's support for gun control was just an act all along**

Democrats Are Losing the Gun Debate Progressive candidates who want to fight the gun lobby have to get past their own party's orthodoxy first.

And because when Dana Milbank asked this: **Why won't pro-lifers act against our deadly gun culture?**

This response came: **No, You Don't Have to Support Gun Control to Be Pro-Life**

Here's what Bishop Thomas Gumbleton says: We live in a time when there's violence all around us. ... How are we going to respond — with more guns? Not if we listen to Jesus." **Listen to Jesus: Respond to enemies with love.**

Score one for the women religious: **Dick's Sporting Goods' gun policy change followed sister talks**

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Opinion: **It's Time For The #MeToo Movement To Start Talking About Children** by Sara Kabakov

Here's another pro-life issue: **Mennonite investigator sent to jail after refusing to testify in Robert Ray death penalty hearing** Lawyer for Greta Lindecrantz says she is being punished for long-standing religious beliefs.

Pope Francis will visit Geneva in June **to highlight 'rich collaboration' with World Council of Churches**

Massachusetts Catholic bishops urge 'historic' criminal justice reform Issues they advocate include eliminating certain mandatory minimum sentences, creating rehabilitation and reentry programs, providing service to those suffering from mental health struggles.

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