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Oak Park, Illinois, Catholics [come together](#) to help the homeless.

A parish in Gary, Indiana, threatened with closure, has [reinvigorated itself](#).

More parishes in the Boston Archdiocese [work collaboratively](#) by sharing a pastor.

Rhode Island parishioners [work together](#) to fight hunger, including with an annual Good Friday walk to the State House.

St. Charles Borromeo Parish in South New Jersey [hires armed security](#) to patrol church grounds during weekend liturgies.

Louisiana Catholics [join in a Bible Reading Marathon](#).

In the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, parishes are [asked to participate](#) in a diocesan revitalization process. A pastor there is making himself known in an effort to [stem the tide](#) of Catholics leaving active practice.

In Fargo, North Dakota, aging Catholics are concerned that there has been a [cutback in priest visits](#) to senior facilities.

[Low-gluten hosts](#) are now available in most parishes for those afflicted with celiac disease.

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Stained-glass windows [celebrate modern heroes](#) of social justice at a Buffalo, New York, church.

Catholics in the Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio, [await the results](#) of a financial audit. Expenditures have been put on hold during an investigation of diocesan accounts.

Religious schools around Houston, including Catholic high schools, are [undergoing a boom](#).

[Parish renewal is the theme](#) of an April 19 symposium at Seton Hall University in New Jersey. The event will mark the 40th anniversary of Renew International.

A parish school in Green Bay, Wisconsin, [thrives via outreach](#) to Latinos.

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