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Pope Francis has in a historic decision appointed three women as consultants to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The three women **— two Italians and one Belgian —** are among five new consultors of the congregation.

Here's one way to decrease the trade deficit. The Trump administration has announced a new drone export policy designed **to make it easier for U.S. companies to export drones, including armed drones**. Given concerns about the proliferation of these lethal systems, what explains this policy shift?

In the money crunch, **Catholic colleges seek creative solutions in tough times**

On April 19, Mercy Amba Oduyoye, the director of the Institute for Women in Religion and Culture at Trinity Theological Seminary in Ghana, delivered the 33rd Madeleva Lecture at St. Mary's College, founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross: **Ghanian theologian Mercy Amba Oduyoye offers Madeleva Lecture**

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Diocese of Saint John, Canada: **Parishioners at 9 churches learned Sunday their places of worship will be closed in the fall**

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