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The Catholic #MeToo moment: **Image religious culture journal fires founder Gregory Wolfe, cites accusations**

Our earlier stories: **Alumnae question Franciscan University of Steubenville's commitment to Title IX**

Christendom College alumni call for Title IX response to sexual assaults

Two groups of U.S. Catholics examine the life of the church. The National Federation of Priests' Councils discussions: **Fight racism, work more closely with laity and re-imagine priesthood altogether.**

Ahead of V Encuentro, **report gathers stats on Hispanic ministry in US** The V Encuentro will end with a national gathering Sept. 20-23 in Grapevine, Texas.

Paul Ryan's firing of Fr. Conroy, the congressional chaplain, **fits the Wisconsin House member's pattern when it comes to the poor**, says Michael Sean Winters.

Here's a very interesting perspective: **An outsider studies the insider world of women religious**

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Can non-Catholic spouses of Catholics may receive communion? **German bishops bring communion dispute to Rome** A delegation of seven German bishops and cardinals are to meet at the Vatican tomorrow with four heads of dicasteries to attempt to iron out a problem that has divided a majority of the German bishops' conference from a minority.

Senior Australian Catholics have warned **that marriage equality should not be a matter of "winner takes all"** five months after unsuccessfully advocating a no vote in the postal survey which led to its legalisation.

Yesterday's news out of Melbourne, Australia, was **Cardinal Pell ordered to stand trial on abuse charges**. Nothing if not always controversial, and some would say divisive, George Pell is now at a decisive fork in the road. One way could lead to gaol after being sent to trial on May 1 to face multiple charges of sexual abuse. In Pell, we see an ideologue in action. **How did he get to here?**

The bishop who is to pastor Catholics in Pyongyang, North Korea, has never been there. **Cardinal Andrew Yeom Soo-jung talks about dialogue and peace between North and South Korea.**

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