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The pope is getting some positive press around the world with an editorial in the New York Times editorial that praises his recent actions as a "welcome step" in addressing not only sex abuse but the hierarchy that covered it up. The Guardian calls the pope's asking for forgiveness "an authoritarian U-turn," while the Canadian Globe and Mail is running an opinion piece, "Pope Francis sets a new tone of accountability."

Breaking: the pope is planning another round of meetings with victims of clergy sexual abuse from Chile, this time the victims are priests too.

But reports on the economic ethics document released by the Vatican last week are less stellar. Fr. Tom Reese complains that obscure writing makes the important message inaccessible, while Stephen Schneck of Catholic U was hoping for more critique of markets. (ICYMI: Eric LeCompte and Michael Sean Winters had more positive reviews of the document.)

The economic story of Appalachia's poverty told in the bestselling *Hillbilly Elegy* is challenged by two new books on the region. Our reviewer finds a "new story" in these two histories that shows that Appalachia isn't all poor, or all white, or all

passive.

The second week of the Poor People's Campaign in Washington D.C. focused on voting rights. "Our democracy is in trouble," a pastor said. Catholics are joining the predominantly Protestant group of protestors who are resurrecting Dr. Martin Luther King's campaign.

The church should tread carefully with Basque separatists in Spain who are apologizing for their use of violence, according to report on the latest "peace pledge" from the nationalists.

At a summit on young adult ministry in the United States, much of the conversation was about those not in the pews, with one minister saying *the church is "bleeding out the young church severely*." Meanwhile, reaching out to the "nones" is part of the parish restructuring in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, says this week's Field Hospital parish roundup.

Catholics are criticizing the move to separate families at the border, saying it contribute to further de-humanization of immigrants.

A sister from Honduras reports on the oppression in her country after the disputed 2017 presidential election and as Hondurans in the United States face deportation after the loss of temporary protected status.

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A beautiful reflection on how the women's movement can turn anger into hope, by Jessica Mesman Griffith at U.S. Catholic.

I knew someone would complain about secular music at the royal wedding: Distinctly Catholic delivers. PrayTell blog praises the sermon.

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