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President Donald Trump is to unveil his second Supreme Court pick tonight "with the prime-time flourish of a reality show star," says Stephen Collinson at CNN Politics: **Trump to unveil Supreme Court pick for the ages**

NCR's Heidi Schlumpf reported on one of his candidates: **Prospective Supreme Court nominee (Judge Amy Coney Barrett) puts spotlight on People of Praise**

The Washington Post followed with this story: **The story behind potential Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett's little-known Catholic group, People of Praise**

As whoemver the nominee is moves through the confirmation process, Michael Sean Winters makes this observation: **Abortion and the Supreme Court: how the debate has changed**

Another piece from the Washington Post: **Catholics on the court: The historical struggle between canon and constitutional law**

A record number of women have declared their candidacy in 2018, including progressive Catholic women whose campaigns have been informed and inspired by Catholic Social Teaching but Heidi Schlumpf tells us **they aren't running as "Catholic candidates."**

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- Or reflect on **Pencil Preaching by Pat Marrin**. Every morning Pat Marrin breaks open the Word with a pencil sketch and a short meditation.

Manila, Philippines -- Philippine Catholic bishops on Monday called for fasting and prayers after President Rodrigo Duterte called God "stupid" and questioned God's existence in profane remarks **that set the foul-mouthed leader on a collision course with Asia's largest Catholic church.**

Trouble brewing in Pennsylvania: A statewide grand jury was empaneled in 2016 to investigate allegations of clergy sex abuse across six Roman Catholic dioceses. The findings are widely expected to expose decades-old abuse of children at the hands of priests in the dioceses of Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Allentown, Scranton, Erie and Greensburg. In late June, the high court **issued a stay on its release**. Last week **priests named in the investigation tried to discredit media efforts to release sex abuse report** and we learned that they engaged some high-powered, high priced lawyers, which prompted the question: **Where does a priest get the money to retain an expensive lawyer?**

Kansas City Star columnist Mary Sanchez believes the **Catholic Church is delivering on longstanding promises about clerical abuse**.

I hope you saw this from late last week: Msgr. Arturo J. Bañuelas, pastor of St. Mark's Parish, El Paso, Texas, sent **a dispatch from a parish on the El Paso-Juárez border**

Our editorial on the subject: **Return compassion to migration debate**

The Diocese of Memphis was the subject of a three-day visitation in June by a two-member archbishop team who will report **to Pope Francis on the state of the church in western Tennessee**. The visitors were Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Atlanta and Archbishop Bernard Hebda of St. Paul-Minneapolis.

Catholics in Australia are preparing for a plenary council in 2020. Here are some things to expect and suggestions (if you're Australian) on what to do: **What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**