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The Synod of Bishops will meet in Rome Oct. 3-28,to discuss teenagers and young adults in the Catholic Church and find ways to encourage their enthusiasm and dreams, help them sift through the possibilities to serve others and resist temptations. A few stories to catch you up:

- **Synod to prepare young Catholics for discernment, future**
- The cardinal organizing October's global meeting of Catholic bishops **has criticized Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput**
- Commentary: **See nothing, judge everyone, act ridiculously**, by Michael Sean Winters
- **Chinese bishops to attend Vatican synod for first time**

That story has to do with this: Francis asks China's Catholics: **trust Vatican's judgment on deal with government** as well as this story: **Chinese Catholics outside mainland divided over Sino-Vatican agreement**

Sister immigration lawyers ply expertise at border, in courtrooms "This is intrinsically redemptive work," says Society of the Holy Child Jesus Sr. Ann Durst, who has made it her mission to get legal representation for minors arriving at the

southern border. "It doesn't get any rawer than this."

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, who has said repeatedly that he didn't know about years of sexual misconduct complaints involving his predecessor in the District, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, **was named in a 2005 settlement agreement that included allegations against McCarrick**, according to the accuser in the case and documents obtained by The Washington Post.

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New Delhi -- Catholic Bishops' Conference of India issues a statement **on alleged rape of a nun by a bishop in south India** (this is a video news report) and meanwhile **two more bishops visit Bishop Franco Mulakkal at jail, equate him with Jesus Christ**

Six Buffalo bishops let priest accused of sex abuse in 1980s remain in parishes Allegations made against priest in the 1980s, he is removed from ministry in 2007.

Catholic University's president suspended a dean **whose comments on social media this week questioned allegations of sexual assault against Supreme Court nominee Brett M. Kavanaugh.** John Garvey, the president of the university, said the remarks "demonstrated a lack of sensitivity to the victim."

It gained some attention, even in the middle of a very crowded news cycle, when **Jesuit magazine America rescinded its endorsement of Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court confirmation** after Christine Blasey Ford's Senate testimony. It goes to show you that **the Kavanaugh saga is uncomfortable for Catholics amid crisis over sexual abuse**.

Commentary: **On Catholic Boys, Kavanaugh, Women, and Belief** It seems to me now, the way men perceive women is how they perceive life itself, writes Bill C. Davis

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