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After an apostolic visitation into conflicts in the Memphis diocese, including the reassignment of a large percentage of its priests, Bishop Martin Holley has been removed by Pope Francis.

As the bishops' synod on young people enters its final week, voting on the final document is scheduled for Saturday. In other synod news:

- Film director Martin Scorsese and the pope talked about how to bridge the generations at an event sponsored by Loyola Press celebrating the publication of its book, *Sharing the Wisdom of Time.*
- "Listening" is a buzzword at the synod, but Fr. Tom Reese sees three different kinds of listening going on there. And Phyllis Zagano asks, "Who is listening to whom?" at the synod.
- At yesterday's press conference, participants said the final document needs to reflect the concerns of all young people, not just those in the West.

Washington D.C. joins a growing number of states whose attorneys general have opened investigations into clergy sex abuse.

The U.S. bishops announced they will begin 2019 with a spiritual retreat at Mundelein Seminary outside Chicago—this, in response to a delegation of bishops' meeting with Pope Francis in September. Chicago in January—sounds like penance to me.

In Washington state, the bishops have endorsed a gun control ballot initiative.

Michael Sean Winters says in the midterm elections, issues don't matter because the president is running on fear. Early voting has begun in many states.

ICYMI: The San Diego pastoral associate who resigned after being harassed because he is gay said he will "continue to promote a church that welcomes all of God's children."

Follow the "Nuns on the Bus" tour to Mar-a-Lago, which is focusing on "Telling the Truth about Tax Policy," at Global Sisters Report's blog here.

An anonymous supporter of church reform went the whole Martin Luther, pinning 21 theses on the door of St. Peter Cathedral in Erie, Pennsylvania.

A new book gives an inside look at the New York publishing world of the 1950s and '60s through the publishing partnership of Flannery O'Connor and Robert Giroux.

I did a brief interview with Illinois Public Radio's "The 21st" show yesterday, about the lawsuit filed against all six dioceses in the state for covering up sex abuse.

Don't miss this interview with America magazine's Kevin Clarke, who recently returned from a trip to Iraq, where he reported on the very few Christians left there.

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