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A young man reacts Oct. 29 at a makeshift memorial outside the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. (CNS/Cathal McNaughton, Reuters)



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Parishioners at St. Bede Church in Pittsburgh walk in prayerful solidarity, in support of their neighbors at the Tree of Life Synagogue, while Catholic parishioners throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh come to the aid of their Jewish neighbors with a special collection.

In the beginning was evangelization, something the Alpha program offers to parishes.

"Financial irregularities" are cited as the reason for the resignation of a pastor in the Diocese of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

A parishioner doesn't like the gay-friendly outreach at St. Paul's Church on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

Four parishes in the Massachusetts Berkshires try to raise $1.2 million to repair a Catholic cemetery.

Iowa Catholics support Catholic schools in Haiti. The Witness reports that The Haitian Project plans "to develop The Louverture Cleary Schools Network in Haiti — a national system of 10 schools, one in each governmental department, providing 3,600 students with a rigorous, tuition-free Catholic secondary school education and supporting 1,200 students on scholarships to Haitian universities each year."

A church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, a center for ministry to Haitians, faces possible closure. Also in Philadelphia, parishioners are urged to bring forth names of potential seminary candidates. The numbers are up.

Healing from the grand jury report isn't easy in the Diocese of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

The priest shortage hits Hazleton, Pennsylvania, as the Diocese of Scranton keeps churches open by assigning pastors to linked parishes.

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