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The U.S. bishops' conference will hold its 2019 Spring General Assembly next week. Read today's news and commentary on the U.S. episcopacy:

**[National correspondent Heidi Schlumpf reports](#)** on the state of the bishops' conference, which still leans to the right, according to veteran bishop watchers and a recent survey.

For survey results and more bishop stats, check out **[Bishops of the United States: the basics](#)**.

From Michael Sean Winters: **[Here's a must-do agenda for the U.S. bishops](#)**.

**[Death never has the last word, and sisters never die alone](#)**: Global Sisters Report asks sisters how their communities face the inevitable death of its older members; Part 1 of "A Good Death," a two-day series.

Pope Francis visited Romania over the weekend. Vatican correspondent Joshua J. McElwee was on the ground during the trip, and was aboard the papal flight back to Rome. **[Read McElwee's reports here](#)**.

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