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Did you miss the [Bishop Bransfield news](#)? A thousand dollars a month in liquor. Daily fresh flowers delivered to the diocesan office, costing up to \$182,000 over 13 years, and \$350,000 in gifts to priests, bishops and cardinals spread around the country and at the Vatican.

On this, Michael Sean Winters says that [lavish living by Catholic hierarchy is moral corruption](#).

Our [latest editorial](#) is even more relevant today than when it was written: Francis has no intention of shrinking from the difficult task of changing a deeply entrenched culture.

Christian Mocek: We go through multiple transitions throughout our lives. Each transition hopefully makes us more able to face the next. [But there is no doubt that a few encouraging words go a long way.](#)

Sr. Colleen Gibson, one of our Global Sisters Report "Horizons" writers: I have no doubt that the many forms of membership in our congregations will (and do) play a monumental part in the lives of religious congregations into the future. [Yet, for all the hope these forms present, the cultivation and preservation of vowed membership must not be lost.](#)

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