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Leadership Roundtable calls for new financial standards for church: "A new report by Leadership Roundtable recommends establishing national standards for financial management for dioceses across the United States, along with an annual, publicly shared audit of financial policies and practices," reports national correspondent Christopher White. "It also calls for the church to invest in more training and support for young adults interested in ministry."

Editorial: Our inside-out bishops need to look outward again. We say that the U.S. bishops' conference has been flatfooted when it comes to addressing the persistence of racial injustices in this country, epitomized by the murder of George Floyd.

Faith leaders rebuke Trump's rollback of major environmental law: NCR staff writer Brian Roewe reports, "Faith leaders criticized final rules issued this week from the Trump administration to limit federal environmental reviews, arguing that they ignore 'bedrock' purposes of environmental protection and will limit input from the communities most affected by major infrastructure and energy projects."

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