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NCR news editor Joshua McElwee, Bertelsen editorial fellow Aleja Hertzler-McCain, staff writer Brian Fraga and columnist Michael Sean Winters in a conversation about the U.S. bishops eventful four-day meeting in Baltimore last week.

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The U.S. bishops held an eventful four-day meeting in Baltimore last week.

Among the major events, the bishops elected Archbishop Timothy Broglio, who leads the archdiocese responsible for American Catholic military chaplains, as their new

president. He replaced Los Angeles Archbishop Jose Gomez and will now serve a three-year term in that role.

The bishops also decided not to rewrite their traditional voting guide, known as Faithful Citizenship, ahead of the 2024 presidential election, and discussed Pope Francis' reinvigorated process for the Synod of Bishops and the 20th anniversary of the Dallas Charter to address clergy sexual abuse.

To recap what happened, NCR news editor Joshua McElwee hosted a conversation about the Baltimore meeting with three of the NCR staff who were covering the event: staff writer Brian Fraga, columnist Michael Sean Winters, and Bertelsen editorial fellow Aleja Hertzler-McCain.

More background reading:

- NCR columnist Michael Sean Winters says that the U.S. bishops have sent a clear message of rejection to Pope Francis by selecting Broglio as president of the bishops' conference.

- We say in our editorial that the U.S. bishops seem out of step with Rome in choosing as their president a culture warrior known for opposing the priorities of Pope Francis.

- "In both church and state, the future will be dominated by divisiveness and a culture war ethic for the next few years, a result that contradicts the founding mission of both," Winters wrote after the meeting.

- Catch up with all of our coverage of the bishops' meeting here.

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