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## Morning Briefing

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Boston -- **Black Catholic Choir celebrates 20th year**

The first U.S. church official convicted of endangering children in the priest sex-abuse scandal asked yesterday for probation instead of prison, **saying he had already experienced months of scrutiny, vilification and shame.**

Denver-based Catholic Health Initiatives made **38 grants totaling more than \$3.2 million to fund work that promotes healthy communities** in the United States, Haiti and Mexico.

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