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Election 2012 -- With 2 Catholic rivals for VP, a cardinal at RNC, Catholics play prominent role in campaign Forget the Mormon moment. The religious group that seems to be figuring most prominently in the presidential election right now is the Roman Catholic Church.

Commentary -- **Catholic Schools Give America More Than Chump Change** by Sr. Mary Ann Walsh

Ost, Kansas -- **Catholic school enrollment up in tiny Kansas town**

Inquirer Editorial: **Privatization may not be parochial schools' savior**

Prague -- **Czech Catholic church invites foreign priests to fill vacancies**

Catholic exile from Syria warns of civil war Father Paolo Dall'Oglio speaks with emotion about a country that he says enshrines "the ideal of Arab ecumenism" and the lifetime he spent building bridges between Christians and Muslims in his mountaintop church in Mar Moussa.

Vermont Catholic innkeepers settle discrimination suit brought by lesbian couple

Bill Donohue of the Catholic League: **?The Republicans are smart enough to get the ?pope of America,? and the Democrats are stupid enough not to invite him.?**

422 sex abuse claims filed against Christian Brothers

Researchers identify present day Turkey as origin of Indo-European languages

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