

## Morning Briefing

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Election 2012 -- [Catholic candidates diverge in how they weigh faith and law](#) [3] Father Thomas Reese speaks with CNN's Ashleigh Banfield on the Catholic VP candidates Joe Biden and Paul Ryan, and how they weigh faith and split on abortion.

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Commentary by John Gehring: [Vatican II: Gone but not forgotten](#) [8] Five decades after sweeping reforms were proposed to update the Catholic faith, the church stands at a crossroads.

Many of the riches of the spirituality of the Roman Catholic Church had [a positive effect on other Christians as the Second Vatican Council opened long-shut doors](#) [9], writes John Neill, Church of Ireland archbishop of Dublin from 2002 to 2011

The Catholic Diocese of Phoenix [has released a list of 29 clergy members who have been accused or convicted of abusing children](#) [10], becoming one of only 25 dioceses in the United States that has published such a list.

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