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## Morning Briefing

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The Australian Federal Government **has called a Royal Commission into child abuse**. Under pressure to act following growing calls for a national inquiry into explosive allegations by a senior New South Wales police investigator that the Catholic Church covered up evidence involving paedophile priests.

Background on story above: A senior serving police officer: "**Many police are frustrated by this sinister behaviour which will continue until someone stops it.**"

Australia: Two state inquiries already underway: **Child abuse inquiry reaches wide**

Australia: THE Catholic Church **has settled thousands of claims of child abuse outside of its internal complaints' system**, Melbourne Response, in an attempt to silence them, a victims' group says.

Australia: **Abuse Royal Commission gets former bishop's backing**. Former Bishop for Toowoomba William Morris was once chairman of a the committee that set Catholic policy nationwide in handling abuse allegations.

The U.S. bishops meet in Baltimore this week: Commentary -- **Is there a political plan B for the bishops?**by Tom Reese

The Bishops in Baltimore: **Catholic bishops get crash course in social media**

Call to Action Annual Conference -- **CTA in Louisville discusses race**

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