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Australia -- **Protection of Confession under heavy fire** Save Politicians of all persuasions, from Julia Gillard and Tony Abbott down, say Catholic priests must not be exempt from having to report child abuse to police should they hear it in the confession of a colleague.

Australia -- **Some secrets you don't keep to yourself** Sydney priest Father Chris Riley won't hear confessions because he could not listen to a child sex abuser without reporting them to police; A Melbourne priest says he would report a child sex abuser.

Poor Catholic Parish in Santa Ana Reduced to Hanging a Banner Outside Its Church to Beg for New Air Conditioning

Prayerful payback -- **15 years after flood, ND church returns favor to Sandy-hit parish**

The bishops in Baltimore: **Catholic bishops struggle with message on gay marriage**

The bishops in Baltimore: **Catholic Bishops Promise New Contraceptive Fight**

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Ireland -- **An independent expert has been appointed to investigate the death of pregnant woman Savita Halappanavar at University Hospital Galway.** She died after hospital refused to an abortion.

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