

Morning Briefing

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[Republicans, Democrats play political dare ahead of more fiscal talks this week](#) [1]

[At least 3 European countries summon ambassadors over new Israel settlements](#) [2]

[Missouri Bishop Finn's Conviction Leaves Clergy Divided](#) [3]

United Kingdom -- Two senior bishops, one Anglican and one Catholic, have written a public letter to Foreign Secretary William Hague [urging fresh thinking about Israel-Palestine](#). [4]

Manila, Philippines -- On the eve of President Benigno Aquino III's meeting with lawmakers over the Reproductive Health bill, a Catholic Church official on Sunday called on pro-life groups [to use the "weapons" of prayer and fasting against the measure](#). [5]

Manila, Philippines -- Bishops want congress to use roll call vote, not voice vote [when voting on the the Reproductive Health bill](#). [6] People should know who voted what way, they say.

Walter Sullivan, the former Bishop for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, [has been diagnosed with liver cancer](#). [7]

Springfield, Mass. -- The Rev. Douglas J. Fisher -- a former Roman Catholic priest who was convinced by friends to return to the ministry by becoming a cleric in the Episcopal Church -- [has been consecrated as the ninth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts](#). [8]

Calgary, Canada -- [Historic links remain 100 years after birth of Calgary Catholic Diocese](#) [9]

[New rules aim to beef up Catholic identity of church charities](#) [10]

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