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## Morning Briefing

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**President Barack Obama comforts town, vows to work to prevent more mass shootings**

**Syrian vice president says neither side can win war**

**Dukakis seen as possible Senate replacement if Kerry tapped for State**

Fort Worth, Texas -- Volunteer to parish youth, who was accused of "boundary issues," **sues diocese of defamation**

**Catholic priests respond quickly to Conn. school shooting**

Church of England -- **Female bishop row deepens as priest refuses promotion in protest**

Salem, Mass. -- **Salem's four Catholic churches could be among first to try new Boston archdiocese re-organization plan**

Minnesota -- More than a month after Minnesota became the first state to defeat a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, **some Catholics say it's time to acknowledge how divisive that effort was within the church.**

Philippine lawmakers will cast a decisive vote on Monday night that could lead to the approval of a highly contentious law **allowing wider distribution of contraceptives to poor couples while requiring schools to teach sex education to teenage students.**

Sydney, Australia -- A former Catholic brother and convicted pedophile will fight an attempt to extradite

him from New Zealand to Australia **where he is facing 252 child sex charges.**

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