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## Morning Briefing

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**Newtown adjusts to sad routine of holiday funerals**

**President Obama Launches Gun-Violence Task Force**

**Vandals ransack Missoula church for 3rd time**, eighth Missoula-area church break-in in less than a month.

**Hundreds remember Bishop Sullivan as 'voice for hope and peace?'**

**U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman's farewell address**

Green Bay, Wis. -- One of Green Bay's homeless shelters could soon be putting itself in trouble with the city. **City officials say St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter is allowing too many people to stay at its overnight shelter.**

Malcolm & Melissa #88: Love and Suffering **Eugene Kennedy discusses the shootings at Sandy Hook school.** Kennedy also talks about what we should be doing in the wake of losing innocent children and the adults who gave their lives to protect them. (An audio podcast.)

**Journalists vote for contraception fight as top 2012 U.S. religion story, pick Catholic bishops? president as top newsmaker**

Salt Lake City -- **Radio Feca, a Spanish-language faith-based program that is broadcast from the Cathedral of the Madeleine, has launched talk shows.**

Texas -- **Legislature readying for showdown over 'school choice,' other education reforms**

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Manila -- Philippine President Benigno Aquino defeated the Catholic church and the tobacco lobby **by using his popularity to push through twin laws to provide free condoms to the poor and raise taxes on cigarettes and liquor.**

Vatican City -- **Pope puts Paul VI on first step to sainthood**

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