

Morning Briefing

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[Newtown adjusts to sad routine of holiday funerals](#) [1]

[President Obama Launches Gun-Violence Task Force](#) [2]

[Vandals ransack Missoula church for 3rd time](#) [3], eighth Missoula-area church break-in in less than a month.

[Hundreds remember Bishop Sullivan as 'voice for hope and peace'](#) [4]

[U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman's farewell address](#) [5]

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.](#) [6]

Malcolm & Melissa #88: Love and Suffering [Eugene Kennedy discusses the shootings at Sandy Hook school.](#) [7] 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](#) [8]

Salt Lake City -- [Radio Feca, a Spanish-language faith-based program that is broadcast from the Cathedral of the Madeleine, has launched talk shows.](#) [9]

Texas -- [Legislature readying for showdown over 'school choice,' other education reforms](#) [10]

Dublin, Ireland -- [Gov't minister expresses 'surprise' at bishops' abortion statement](#) [11]

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.](#) [12]

Vatican City -- [Pope puts Paul VI on first step to sainthood](#) [13]

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