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Washington, D.C. -- **Key senators agree on sweeping immigration reform.** The Gang of Eight: Democrats Charles Schumer of New York, Dick Durbin of Illinois, Robert Menendez of New Jersey and Michael Bennet of Colorado; and Republicans John McCain of Arizona, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Marco Rubio of Florida and Jeff Flake of Arizona.

Pope to Roman Rota: **Lack of faith may hurt the validity of marriage**

Scotland -- **A Catholic adoption agency in Scotland has been warned that it could lose its charitable status if it does not allow applications from gay couples.**

New York Times editorial: **The Cardinal and the Truth** No member of the Roman Catholic hierarchy fought longer and more energetically than Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles to conceal the decades-long scandal involving the rape and intimidation of children by rogue priests

Philadelphia, Pa. -- **Jury deliberations began Friday afternoon in the trial of a Catholic priest and a former Catholic-schoolteacher who are accused of sexually assaulting the same altar boy in the late 1990s.**

Bishop Finn airs frustration over KC-based National Catholic Reporter Finn objects to editorial positions taken by the Kansas City-based newspaper.

NCR publisher responds to Bishop Finn


Catholics speak out for political change in Vietnam

Catholic Herald of UK interviews San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, who says, **we can achieve ?spiritual greatness? in the fight for marriage**

New York -- **Husband and dad will become Roman Catholic priest -- and take vow of celibacy.**
Former Episcopalian priest has been married 33 years.

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