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Morning Briefing

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Pope Francis is clearly on a mission to alter the status quo, but will that extend to greater freedom for women's leadership in the church? **What About the Women?** by Sr. Carol Keehan

Philadelphia -- **Date set for appeal of convicted priest's conviction** -- Msgr. William J. Lynn, convicted last year of child endangerment for his role supervising Catholic priests accused of sexually abusing children. Sept. 17 for oral arguments.

Sebewaing, Mich. -- **Save Our Rural Catholic Church members rally**

Sebewaing, Mich. -- **Saginaw Bishop Joseph Cistone responses to criticism of parish merger scheme**

Forth Worth, Texas -- **Plaintiff seeks to drop suit against Catholic church.** Plaintiff was seeking to restore his reputation after he was banned from working in the diocese following accusations of "boundary violations" with youth and young adults.

MANILA, Philippines ? **Philippines Catholic church badly needs priests for growing flock**

Ndola, Zambia -- **Bishop Alick Banda of Ndola tells priests to stand by the poor and act with boldness.** Was addressing ordination class of 12.

Sacramento, Calif. -- **Catholic bishop blesses pilgrims marching for change in immigration laws**

New Haven, Conn. -- **Fairfield University, others facing another sex abuse suit.** Suits stem from support of a Haiti school.

Sacramento, Calif. -- **A diocese's darkest day** A detailed account of how a dioceses responded to an accusation of a clergyman abusing a minor.

Mumbai, India -- The India Supreme Court has received a petition seeking to have the Code of Canon Law recognized as the personal law of Indian Christians. **When laws of Church and state clash on marriage** by Astrid Lobo Gajiwala

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