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Morning Briefing

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Scotland -- Msgr. Leo Cushley, who will be installed as archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh next month, **will "fully endorse" plans by the rest of Scotland's bishops to trawl church records for decades of clerical abuse.**

Afghan leader in Pakistan to discuss peace talks

Israeli troops kill 3 Palestinians in West Bank

Commentary: **Standing up to Newark Archbishop John Myers: Opinion** by Robert M. Hoatson

Boston -- **Anglican priest, flock cross a welcoming bridge**

Monroe, Wash. -- St. Mary of the Valley Catholic Church. The church's historic bell, stolen then broken up by the thieves for scrap, **is being worked into a sculpture that will be unveiled Sunday at the church's centennial celebration.**

Magna, Utah ? Vandals destroyed priceless statues and artwork at a Catholic church in Magna late Saturday night, **and this is the fourth time someone has broken into this church.**

Imo State, Nigeria -- Churches in the state are facing hard times **following the new wave of armed robbery incidents in the state.**

Bangui -- Violence against the Catholic church continues to surge in the Central African Republic, **causing a group of priests and nuns to flee for their lives.**

Commentary: **Why Do So Many Incompetent Men Become Leaders?** by Tomas Chamorro-Premuzic

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