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Bourgeois disinvited from SNAP Philadelphia fundraiser

Vatican's asset manager submits to outside audit

Confused about all the hat switching the pope seems to be doing? From CNS: **Presto change-oh! It's the skullcap swap**

Pope Francis **met this morning** at the Vatican with Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas.

The cardinal of Lima, Peru, is criticizing the Vatican for opening up to liberation theology, asking the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to "**be more prudent.**"

From the U.K.: **Britain nuclear deal opens door to Chinese ownership**

President Barack Obama signed the bill ending the federal government shutdown at about 12:25 a.m. Eastern time. A shutdown wrap-up:

- *The New York Times* says Republicans lost basically all they were fighting for: **Losing a Lot to Get Little**
- *Washington Post* columnist E.J. Dionne says, "**We should never govern ourselves like this again**"
- One representative tells Politico the people who won the shutdown are those who "**managed to raise a lot of money off this.**"

Catholics team up with interfaith organizations to conserve environment



Looking for an a little inspiration to begin

your day? *NCR's* sister publication, *Celebration*, gives you two options, both based on the Scripture readings of the day:

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