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Morning Briefing

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At least 6 schools in Chicago archdiocese slated to close

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Loss of vice principal sparks student outcry at Seattle Catholic school

Seattle high school administers 'a vaccine against faith' by Jamie Manson

The HHS Mandate: **If the church is going to remain relevant, it's going to have to woman-up.** by Christina Pesoli

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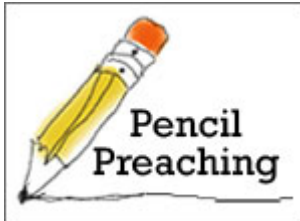
cluster munitions and chemical weapons during the final stages of the war.

Atlanta, Ga. -- **Photo inspires look back at era when Catholic schools desegregated**

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We're expecting new cardinals to be named any day now, but as I began morning briefing this morning, no word yet. Here are some thoughts from Fr. Tom Reese: **Who are going to be the new cardinals?**

The Wolf of Wall Street: **The 'culture of prosperity'** by Phyllis Zagano



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