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Morning Briefing

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SCOTUS: The Supreme Court will hear arguments today for two cases involving faith-based business owners challenging Obamacare's mandate that businesses provide its employees with free birth control. Here's a roundup of the issues involved: **Does Hobby Lobby have religious rights? The Supreme Court will decide**

High court with vocally devout justices set to hear religious objections to health care law

From the Pew Research Center: **5 questions about the Supreme Court cases on requiring contraceptive coverage**

NY *Times* Editorial: **Crying Wolf on Religious Liberty**

Commentary for Lent: **Is shopping sinful?** by Michelle A. Gonzalez, **who sometimes writes for us.**

El Salvador struggles to come to terms with violent past

El Salvador: **Living with effects of bad policy**

Seattle -- **Meetings set to address Seattle archdiocese security breach**

Australia -- **Sydney's Catholic archdiocese has assets of \$1.24 billion, royal commission told** (about U.S. \$1.13 billion) The funds are 'ultimately controlled by -- owned by, if you like -- the archbishop of the day.'

Lynn, Mass. -- **Refugee housing ?getting a little tougher to find?** -- It is often local churches who

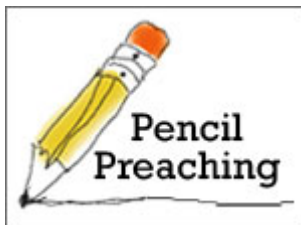
shoulder the task of helping refugees learn a new language, adapt to a new culture and find jobs and longer-term housing.

David Siler, executive director of Catholic Charities for the archdiocese of Indianapolis, sees some new spring in the steps of his staff and volunteers who serve the homeless, help resettle refugees and intervene on behalf of the poorest of the poor. **The Francis effect in Indianapolis.**

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Lincoln, Neb. -- **Bishop issues new letter to Catholics condemning contraception.** Echoes letter issued 23 years ago by then Bishop Glennon Flavin, but uses much gentler tones. Copy of Bishop Conley's letter and Bishop Flavin's letter on this site.

The power of one: **Hollie's homework project turns into a £200 fundraising drive for charity** (about U.S. \$330)



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