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Manila, Philippines -- **The Supreme Court upheld Tuesday the constitutionality of the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012.** The Catholic church, which counts over 80 percent of the country's 100 million population as members, had led street protests denouncing the law as "evil."

Women of Philippine slum welcome birth control victory

India -- **Catholic priests ordered to pull out of elections** -- One cleric already suspended, second suspension likely.

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Tucson, Ariz. -- **Mother lives in church, fighting daughter's detainment**

Cordoba, Argentina -- **Archbishop defends decision to allow baptism of lesbian couple's child** -- As archbishop of Buenos Aires, Jorge Mario Bergoglio insisted that all children should be baptized, whatever the situation of their parents. Baptisms in the Buenos Aires region are said to have quadrupled as a result of the then-Cardinal Bergoglio's policy.

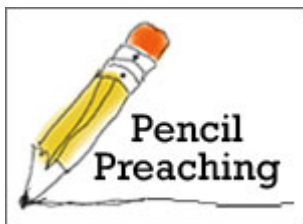
Los Angeles -- **A couple's commitment to skid row doesn't waver.** Catholic Workers Jeff Dietrich and Catherine Morris

Commentary: **Why Cardinal Kasper's Proposal Is So Dangerous** -- Do we really want to cripple the church's ability to stand as the world's last great defender of marriage?

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