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Members of the LCWR march through Woldenberg Riverside Park in New Orleans for a prayer service to preserve the wetlands, part of the LCWR's Aug. 11-14 gathering. (CNS/Frank J Methe)

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The first Vatican investigation was announced December 2008 by Cardinal Franc Rodé, who heads the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. This study is aimed at U.S. women religious congregations.

The second Vatican investigation was announced in February by Cardinal William Joseph Levada, prefect of Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Its stated purpose is to obtain a "doctrinal assessment" of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, or the LCWR, which represents about 90 percent of the 59,000 women religious in the United States.

Millea discusses apostolic visitation at Chicago meeting [1], April 11, 2011.

As Apostolic Visitation wraps up, congregations feel 'power of our sisterhood' [2] Mother Mary Clare Millea's report to Vatican due by year's end, March 16, 2011.

New Vatican official: Want to 'learn from, walk with' U.S. women religious [3], January 7, 2011.

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Schneiders to explore meaning of religious life today [29] Dec. 29, 2009

European women religious send warm support to U.S. sisters [30] Dec. 15, 2009

Internet aims to bond women religious visitation supporters [31] Dec. 9, 2009

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