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## Morning Briefing

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Election 2012 -- **Romney to declare goal of North American energy independence by 2020**

Election 2012 -- **Romney invites NY Catholic Cardinal Dolan to offer benediction after acceptance speech** Romney announced Dolan's appearance in an interview with Raymond Arroyo's "The World Over Live" on EWTN Catholic network.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. -- SNAP and the ACLU are **trying to block a new state law that prohibits the disruption of worship services.**

Philidelphia -- **Bishops Cullen and Cistone To Be Named Defendants in Ongoing Civil Case Against Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

Milwaukee, Wis. -- **Catholic priest faces excommunication after launching new parish**

Philippine Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago says that the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines' **threat of sanctions against Catholic schools whose faculty members do not follow its stand against the Reproductive Health bill** violates academic freedom.

MANILA, Philippines -- Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines President and Cebu Archbishop Jose Palma said **they are willing to iron out issues with the faculty supporters of the Reproductive Health Bill** at Jesuit-run Ateneo de Manila University.

Ireland's bishops are circulating a "discussion document" revealing **plans for parishes to hold Sunday services led by laypeople and deacons** as more-and-more communities are set to be left without a priest for the first time.

Phoenix, Ariz. -- **Catholic medical school affiliates with hospital censured by bishop**

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