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Election 2012 -- **Romney to declare goal of North American energy independence by 2020** [1]

Election 2012 -- **Romney invites NY Catholic Cardinal Dolan to offer benediction after acceptance speech** [2] 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.** [3]

Philidelphia -- **Bishops Cullen and Cistone To Be Named Defendants in Ongoing Civil Case Against Archdiocese of Philadelphia** [4]

Milwaukee, Wis. -- **Catholic priest faces excommunication after launching new parish** [5]

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** [6]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** [7] at Jesuit-run Ateneo de Manila University.

Ireland's bishops are circulating a "discussion document" reveiwing **plans for parishes to hold Sunday services led by laypeople and deacons** [8] 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** [9]

NCR's sister publication, Celebration, posts reflections on each day's Scripture reading. Here's a link: **celebrationpublications.org/dailybread** [10]. You may want to bookmark it. It's a great way to begin the day.

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