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Election 2012 -- Their black-and-white habits stood out in the backdrop of faces seated behind Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan when the Republican presidential ticket campaigned in suburban Detroit recently. The three Catholic nuns could be seen on video applauding Romney. It was a Catholic nun in modern dress who roused Democratic National Convention delegates Wednesday. **Nuns playing a role in 2012 presidential race** [1]

Clint Eastwood gave in interview to his local newspaper, The Carmel Pine Cone, in which he describes why he playacted with a chair at the Republican convenion. A very interesting read. **Eastwood says his convention appearance was 'mission accomplished'** [2]. The interview includes this tidbit: "After a quick trip through airport-style security, he was taken to a Green Room, where Archbishop Dolan of New York sought him out to say hello. Then he was taken backstage to wait for his cue. And that was when inspiration struck."

Washington, D.C. -- **Historic ?St. Al?s? Catholic church holds last Mass** [3]

Cleveland, Ohio -- **St. Peter Catholic Church reopens after two years in limbo** [4]

Northern Ireland -- **Clashes erupt for second night in Belfast** [5]

India -- **Catholic Church likely to take up migrants? issue as policy matter** [6]

Penn State: **The Suzanne Pohland Paterno Catholic Student Faith Center was dedicated and opened Saturday during a Eucharistic celebration and blessing ceremony.** [7] The Paternos helped to raise the money for the $6.5 million structure.

Ireland -- The Catholic church has been accused of **attempting to muzzle its child protection officer** [8]after it emerged that he was the subject of a complaint by a senior bishop.

Christchurch, New Zealand -- **Catholics and Anglicans sharing a super cathedral in earthquake shattered Christchurch?** [9] Nothing but a pipe dream. **Or is it?** [10]

Nigeria: **President Jonathan Urges Catholic Bishops to Pray for Nigeria** [11]

NCR's sister publication, Celebration, posts reflections on each day's Scripture reading. Here's a link: **celebrationpublications.org/dailybread**. [12]You may want to bookmark it. It's a great way to begin the day.

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