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Election 2012 -- **Ann Romney to critics: "Stop it. This is hard"** [2]

German bishops get tough on Catholics who opt out of church tax [3]

After a series of attacks by vandals on Christian holy sites in Israel, **normally tight-lipped Roman Catholic officials are beginning to speak out** [4], publicly appealing to authorities to take a stronger stand against the violence.

Fort Worth Bishop Kevin Vann [5]named bishop of the diocese of Orange, Calif.

Austraila -- **THE Catholic Church in Victoria says it has upheld more than 600 cases of criminal child abuse by clergy in the past 16 years.** [6] Issues report answering gov't inquiry.

Catholic Restructuring Professionals Form Charity [7] A handful of Roman Catholic professionals in the corporate restructuring industry have rallied their colleagues for a new charity called Catholic Renewal.

The Irish Times: Commentary -- **Faithful should distinguish between Catholic faith and Vatican state** [8]

Edmonton, Canada -- **A parent prays for strike at Catholic schools to end** [9]

Arizona Lincoln Republicans: **In Thanksgiving for the Catholic Bishops** [10]

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