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Manila, Philippines -- Some Catholic bishops sent a powerful message to their critics who are pushing the controversial reproductive health bill: [Do not underestimate us](#). [6]

Manila, Philippines -- [Church puts clout on the line with drive against reproductive health bill](#) [7]: A Catholic official said Wednesday the bishops for the first time would be urging the faithful to vote as a bloc to defeat the Reproductive Health bill that the bishops say is anti-life and the candidates favoring passing it.

Pittsburgh -- [Bishop Zubik responds to dismissal of lawsuit regarding Obamacare](#) [8]

Madrid, Spain -- [Spain's Catholic bishops urged political parties to unite against same-sex marriage, after it was confirmed as legal by the Constitutional Court](#). [9]

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Editorial: Teen boy denied confirmation because of Facebook photo with pro-gay marriage sign -- [The flap in Barnesville over gay marriage is a sign of more restlessness ahead for the church](#). [11]

DETROIT LAKES, Minn. ? A nontraditional Catholic organization has [offered to confirm a Barnesville 17-year-old after he was denied confirmation](#) [12] because of his support for gay marriage.

Australia -- President of Catholic Religious Australia says [significant changes coming to the way it handles its response to the issue of sexual abuse](#) [13]

Australia -- Bishop says it was not the Catholic Church that committed or shielded any crimes [but individuals within the church](#). [14] Copy of his letter [A Church in Dismay](#). [15]

DR Congo: [International community has failed us](#) [16], says bishop

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