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Morning Briefing

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Newtown adjusts to sad routine of holiday funerals

President Obama Launches Gun-Violence Task Force

Vandals ransack Missoula church for 3rd time, eighth Missoula-area church break-in in less than a month.

Hundreds remember Bishop Sullivan as 'voice for hope and peace'

U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman's farewell address

Green Bay, Wis. -- One of Green Bay's homeless shelters could soon be putting itself in trouble with the city. **City officials say St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter is allowing too many people to stay at its overnight shelter.**

Malcolm & Melissa #88: Love and Suffering **Eugene Kennedy discusses the shootings at Sandy Hook school.** Kennedy also talks about what we should be doing in the wake of losing innocent children and the adults who gave their lives to protect them. (An audio podcast.)

Journalists vote for contraception fight as top 2012 U.S. religion story, pick Catholic bishops? president as top newsmaker

Salt Lake City -- **Radio Feca, a Spanish-language faith-based program that is broadcast from the Cathedral of the Madeleine, has launched talk shows.**

Texas -- **Legislature readying for showdown over 'school choice,' other education reforms**

Dublin, Ireland -- **Gov't minister expresses 'surprise' at bishops' abortion statement**

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Manila -- Philippine President Benigno Aquino defeated the Catholic church and the tobacco lobby **by using his popularity to push through twin laws to provide free condoms to the poor and raise taxes on cigarettes and liquor.**

Vatican City -- **Pope puts Paul VI on first step to sainthood**

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