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Newly released documents in a Rhode Island lawsuit show that the scandal-tarred Legion of Christ shielded information on their founder's sex life from a wealthy widow who donated $30 million over two decades.

In 2009, the widow's niece, Mary Lou Dauray, sued the Legion and the bank that facilitated key transactions, alleging fraud. At Dauray's request, backed by a motion from NCR and three other media outlets, Superior Court Judge Michael Silverstein revoked a protective order the Legionaries had secured and released discovery findings Friday.

Following are the stories NCR has uncovered so far in those documents:

Legion of Christ's deception, unearthed in new documents, indicates wider cover-up [1]

Deposition shows Legion of Christ benefactor was dedicated to order [2]

Banker served as Legion of Christ benefactor's insulator, facilitator [3]

Woman brought lawsuit against Legion of Christ on behalf of aunt [4]

Other Morning Briefing News

NY Times columnist Bill Keller raises a number of interesting issues on the future dynamic of an ailing church and what a new pope might do to set a new course for the barque of Peter: **Catholicism Inc.** [5]

John Allen looked at one of these issues the other day: **Benedict's post-papal life thanks to nuns** [6]

Pope Immunity: **/living in Vatican Will Protect Benedict From Sexual Abuse Prosecution** [7]

"Scandalous: The Life and Trials of Aimee Semple McPherson," a Foursquare Church-backed production that recently flopped on stage. **Church lost $2 million** [8]

Los Angeles-Vatican City -- **The Mahony ?case? casts a shadow over the Conclave** [9]

This is from Pravda (Yes, that Pravda) written by Michael P. Gardner of Jacksonville, Fla.: **Obama administration declares war on Catholic Church** [10]. When I was a young boy, we were taught in the Catholic Church to pray for the conversion of Russia from Communism. ... maybe we should start asking the Russian people to pray for the conversion of America.

Town of Union, N.Y. -- **Former Catholic Priest Calls for Women's Ordination** [11]

Catholic scholars call for changes in church [12] More than 160 leading Catholic scholars worldwide have signed a ?Declaration on authority in the Catholic Church? that calls for change in church governance.

John Carr on NPR [13] Top Catholic lobbyist and policy adviser tells Michel Martin about his own retirement and what's next for him and the Church.

[14]Looking for an a little inspiration to begin your day? NCR's sister publication, Celebration, gives you two options, both based on the Scripture readings of the day:

Pencil Preaching [14] is blog that Celebration editor Pat Marrin combines scripture and sketching to reflect on the word.

Daily Bread [15] is a series short reflections, written by four authors who meet regularly to share the readings. Daily Bread is intended to help daily preachers and others who pray from the assigned scriptures each day to orient themselves to the Living Word addressed to the church in the world. It's a great way to begin the day.

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