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Webathon Day 5: The parable of the talents

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I thought I should give you all an update as Thursday day wound to a close. We matched and surpassed our challenge grants, which means we're closer to our goal of $100,000 -- but we're not there yet.

Thanks for your generous support. Let's keep it up. We have to do better than we did Thursday for the next two days if we're going to meet our goal. If you haven't donated yet, **please do so now** **[1]**.

Let's take a quick look at what we've accomplished today:

- We posted Bishop Gumbleton's homily: **Pope Francis an inspiration to act like the Good Shepherd**[2]
- We had a column from Young Voices writer Mike Sweitzer-Beckman: **The 'Catholic 7,' men's basketball and higher education**[3]
- Monica Clark reported on this story from California:**Oakland priest holds vigil for church reform while on voluntary exile**[4]
- Jamie Manson wrote: **Long Island bishop returns petition from ostracized gay parishioner**[5]
- Tom Gallagher wrote: **W.Va. Republican legislator: Kids should work for their lunch**[6]
- We also published blogs from **Mary Ann McGivern** **[7]**, **Porsia Tunzi** **[8]** and **Michael Sean Winters** **[9]**.
- You've probably seen the editorial we posted early Thursday: **Sex abuse accountability should be universal law**[10]
- And speculation that **Pope Francis' first encyclical might be out this year**[11]

This is the kind of thematic and geographic diversity you've come to expect from *NCR*. We give you news, analysis and commentary that you can trust and enjoy. If you're like other *NCR* readers, you've come to depend on this kind of reporting.

This kind of coverage does not come cheap. We told you we need to raise $100,000 this year during this Webathon to maintain this coverage and keep the website a happening place.

Our pledge to you is that we will be good stewards of your donations. I was talking with an *NCR* contributor Thursday, telling her how blessed I feel by the generosity of the *NCR* supporters. It is for me a humbling experience. I feel you have entrusted your money with me; you've made an investment in *NCR* that I need to use to the best of my abilities. I will do my best to live up to your generosity.

I am reminded of the Gospel lesson of the talents. My pledge to you is that we won't bury this investment in the ground. We will put these gifts to work and return them to you 10, 20, 100 fold.

Please give today **[1]**.

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