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Morning Briefing

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Commentary: It is my hope that Pope Francis' promotion of economic justice for the poor and oppressed, expressed so eloquently in "Evangelii Gaudium," **will expand to include justice for women in all ministries in the church, including ordination.** By Bridget Mary Meehan

Albany, N.Y., Catholics have set up a consultation process to help choose their new bishop. Read about it here: **Catholics invited to share input on new bishop.** Get more details here: **AlbanyBishopSearch.org.** Bishop Howard Hubbard submitted his letter of resignation last month on his 75th birthday.

Supreme Court takes up contraceptive mandate, will rule on religious rights of corporation

Arizona bishops lend voices to call for immigration reform

Manila, the Philippines -- **@Pontifex official rallies Filipino Catholics to witness in social media**

Seven Catholic priests were ordained on Monday **amid the ruins of the centuries-old cathedral in the archdiocese of Palo, Leyte, province,** which was devastated by super Typhoon Haiyan on Nov. 8.

In honor of the SOA victims: 'No más! No more!'

Germany's Roman Catholic bishops plan to push ahead with proposed reforms to reinstate divorced and remarried parishioners **despite a warning from the Vatican's top doctrinal official,** according to a senior cleric.

Worcester, Mass. -- Bishop Robert McManus is concerned that Catholics are burying their dead **without funeral Masses**.

Fort Wayne, Ind. -- **Women's dignity and vocation class bonds Catholic high school students**

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