

## Morning Briefing

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Los Angeles -- [Cardinal unlikely to face charges --](#) [4] Mahony has emerged from the scandal with his reputation tarnished but his place in the church intact.

[Kansas Senate leaders kill controversial religious freedom bill](#) [5]

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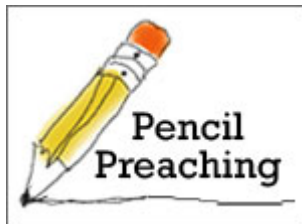
Canada -- [Catholic church withholding millions from victims, alleges government](#) [8]

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Commentary: [Francis' laity appreciate being treated like adults](#) [11] by Michael W. Higgins, vice president of Mission and Catholic Identity at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

Yakima, Wash. ? [The Washington state Catholic bishops have sent a letter to Gov. Jay Inslee, thanking him for imposing a moratorium on the death penalty.](#) [12]



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