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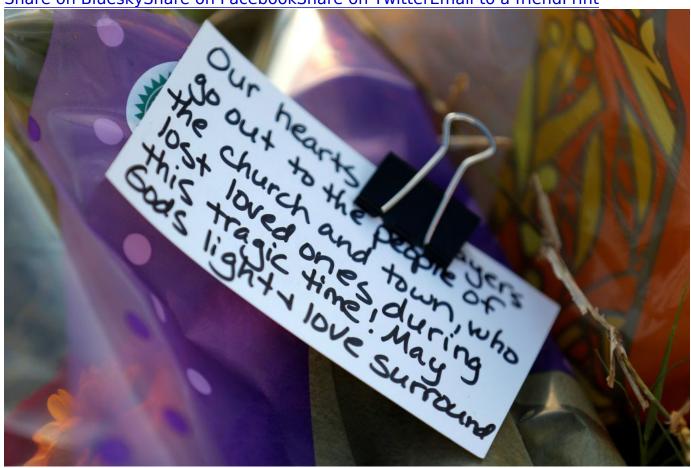
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A note is seen at a memorial Nov. 7 near the site of the shooting at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas, which was Nov. 5. (CNS

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The Boston Archdiocese, in response to the killings in Texas, <u>takes steps</u> to keep churchgoers safe. The response from the Diocese of Dallas is confusing: it <u>urges</u> <u>eliminating signs prohibiting weapons</u>, while maintaining that its no-guns policy still is in force.

A Guatemalan immigrant describes what it's like to live in a church sanctuary.

In Wisconsin, a parish secretary is <u>convicted of stealing</u> at least \$800,000 from her parish and gets four years in prison. Gambling appeared to play a role.

The church is alive and well in Pittsburgh, says Bishop David Zubik, who argues that a <u>massive consolidation will bring renewal</u> to the diocese there. Meanwhile, a court <u>rejects a request</u> from parishioners to stop a church merger.

In Lynchburg, Virginia, a Catholic parish <u>expands its religious education and</u> outreach to people who need rent assistance.

A pastor goes on a <u>hiking trip with children</u>. Because there were no other adults present, he is removed as pastor because of what the diocese describes as a lapse of judgment.

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Know where your church donations go? It isn't all that easy to find out. A <u>recent</u> <u>study compared diocesan financial transparency</u>: the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, ranked the lowest while Sacramento, California, gained top honors.

Jesuit Fr. Greg Boyle of Los Angeles' Homeboy Industries <u>talks with National</u> Geographic about the problem of gang violence.

Dreamers come together to pray for immigration reform at the Milwaukee cathedral.

An historian explores the long <u>history of black Catholics in the U.S.</u> and finds that there are more black Catholics than members of the A.M.E. Church.

In North Carolina, Catholic Br. David Boone, a parish administrator, is <u>remembered</u> for his civil rights work.

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