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Happy New Year! Here's a few stories we posted over the holiday time that you don't want to miss:

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- ['Anybody can destroy democracy,' Honduran doctor says about government oppression](#)
- [US backs questionable election in Honduras, supports dictatorship, opposition says](#)
- [Drawing lessons from the life of Cardinal Bernard Law](#)
- Insight from a close observer: [Cardinal Law's complex role in the contemporary history of clergy sexual abuse](#) By Thomas P. Doyle

With temperatures dropping below zero this week, area shelters are doing what they can to get everyone off the streets and into a warm bed. [Catholics are on the front lines of this fight.](#)

And here's a couple stories to get your 2018 started right:

- [What's coming up in the life of the US church in 2018?](#)
- [Pope's New Year priorities: Refugees, youths, trips, more Curia reform](#)
- [An 86-year-old priest's 10 resolutions for the New Year](#)
- [Let us write the unwritten poems about the soul of America](#)

The Vatican confirmed last week that Pope Francis has ordered an investigation into alleged financial corruption and other irregularities in the diocese of one of his top advisers, [Honduran Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, Archbishop of Tegucigalpa](#). Cardinal Rodriguez has rejected allegations of wrongdoing, stating that the accusations are an attack by those opposed to the Pope's curial reform efforts.

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Sr. Jeannine Gramick writes on Global Sisters Report: [LGBT people: 'Sisters are on our side!'](#)

Nigeria -- Nearly 50 days since they were kidnaped in Edo state, three reverend sisters are still held by their abductors, [causing a concern in the Catholic Church](#).

George Town, Malaysia -- [Local diocese opens Roman Catholic Museum](#)

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