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Families, assisted by volunteers, participate in a free lunch program sponsored by Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas at the Johnson County Central Resource Library in Overland Park, Kansas, July 18. (NCR photo/James Dearie) See related story below.



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A priest of the Washington Archdiocese writes from his own experience: **"First, we knew, or should have known, about some of McCarrick's behavior."**

You may have missed this one out of Chicago: Cardinal Blase Cupich spoke on a panel at an annual American Bar Association meeting came just hours after **the Vatican announced a change in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, saying capital punishment was "inadmissable."** Cupich told the American Bar that **"Capital punishment only continues the cycle of violence and vengeance."**

News from Vatican comes as US government looks to expand use of death penalty. **What Pope Francis' death penalty reversal means for Trump and capital punishment globally**

Trump-loving megachurch pastor and author Robert Jeffress tweets: **God Actually Loves Capital Punishment**

Santiago, Chile -- **Chile's national prosecutor requesting Vatican sex abuse files**

Dublin -- **Pope will meet abuse survivors as part of his visit to Ireland**

New Delhi, India -- **'Married' Catholic bishop faces court case for embezzlement**

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has ordered a grand jury report on investigation into who six diocese in the state handled clergy sex abuse case, must be released. The investigation looked at **Allentown, Altoona-Johnstown, Erie, Greensburg, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Scranton.**

Resources to help you on your journey of 'small holiness'

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- Or reflect on [**Pencil Preaching by Pat Marrin**](#). Every morning Pat Marrin breaks open the Word with a pencil sketch and a short meditation.

Durham, N.C. -- Duke Divinity School's first woman dean, Elaine Heath, [**has stepped down after a brief and rocky two-year tenure**](#) marked by student protests and struggles to build diversity on campus.

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"I like it. The food's good. It's free. It's at the library and I like the library." [**Summer meals programs feed children during school breaks**](#)

The Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington St. Lucy Food Project: [**Local Kids Pick Over 10,000 Pounds of Corn to Donate**](#)

Commentary: [**A solution to the US border crisis? Treat detained migrants as refugees**](#)

A sneak peek at this week's Leadership Conference of Women Religious annual assembly: [**Upcoming LCWR assembly will continue the call to communion**](#)

Bangkok, Thailand -- Prime minister's office issues new protocols for media coverage of the prime minister, including [**photographers must bow to the prime minister before and after taking his pictures**](#). Let's hope President Trump doesn't see that!