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A displaced Iraqi Christian family is seen in 2014 at a camp in Irbil. Mideast Catholic and Orthodox patriarchs have decried the desperate situation they face as shepherds of churches "whose existence is in real danger." (CNS/EPA/Ahmed Jalil)



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It's no longer a walk to the grocery store as a supermarket chain closes its stores in Muncie, Indiana. The result is a food desert, resulting in [increased numbers at a soup kitchen](#) operated by Catholic parishes.

A call for Catholic parishes to get involved in the human rights issue of [persecution of Christians](#) around the world.

There's been a lot of publicity lately about people checking out of the Catholic Church. By contrast, at this time of year, those coming in the door are being formally welcomed, including more than a thousand [in the Washington Archdiocese](#).

Vincentians [coordinate efforts](#) to assist the poor in Massachusetts parishes.

The state of West Virginia [sues a Catholic diocese](#) for lack of public disclosure of sex abusers in parishes and schools.

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