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Since Sunday, Vatican correspondent Joshua McElwee has been keeping tabs on the twists and turns of a book that was or maybe wasn't co-authored by retired Pope Benedict XVI. Joshua's update yesterday was that [Benedict removes name from book on celibacy after dispute over his involvement](#). Meanwhile, two commentaries examine the controversy through the lens of ecclesiology and the pitfalls of having two popes:

- [The myth of the self-regulating institution of 'pope emeritus'](#) by Massimo Faggioli
- [Two men in white: Book saga shows need to rethink norms for retired popes](#) by Richard Gaillardetz

If you're concerned about "[geofencing](#)" targeting you at church, editor Tom Roberts has some suggestions for raising awareness. He also takes a Boston College conference to task for shutting out the press. In both cases, [use of wide-open location data, closed-door meetings hurt Catholics](#).

[Amazing stories come out of Vi Nhan School for special needs children](#) in Vietnam. That's what Sr. Anna Le Bach Tuyet discovered when she got to visit the school run by the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres in Buon Ma Thuot City.

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