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Mixing duties: The archbishop tells Minnesota priests not to vote in the primary. The recommendation seems motivated by concerns about voter privacy in the state's new primary system and the appearance of partisanship if priests' party affiliation were to be made public. [Read more.](#)

U.S. Attorney General William Barr warned a group of Christian broadcasters on Feb. 26 that the decline of religion in America is undermining liberal democracy. [The Secretary of Education was there, too.](#)

From NCR Executive Editor Tom Roberts: "Some years ago, I was interviewing the young evangelical phenom and author Shane Claiborne in his home in the Kensington and Allegheny section of Philadelphia and couldn't help notice circus paraphernalia — a 6-foot unicycle and torches, pins and machetes for juggling — hanging on his living room wall. The stuff was more than decoration." [Read his latest Connections column here.](#)

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