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People walk near a banner with an image of Pope Francis on the facade of the cathedral in Lima, Peru, Jan. 3. On Jan. 15, Francis will begin a six-day visit to Chile and Peru. (CNS/Reuters/Mariana Bazo)

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NCR's Vatican correspondent Joshua McElwee talks about Pope Francis' upcoming trip to Chile and Peru. The papal trip takes place Jan. 15-21. Joshua also recaps the pope's recent State of the World address to diplomats. Later, sociologist Michele Dillon explains the trends in a new survey of American Catholics and talks about how the data show a refreshed enthusiasm among American Catholic women.

Show Notes

- In an address on Jan. 8, [Francis told ambassadors to "abandon familiar rhetoric" about migrants and refugees.](#)
- [Pope Francis' trip to Chile and Peru may help restore trust in the church](#), reports Joshua J. McElwee.
- The clergy abuse database [BishopAccountability.org released new names in Chile](#) just days before Francis' arrival.
- Watch our feature series [Francis in Chile and Peru](#) for updates as the trip progresses.
- [A 2017 survey of American Catholics shows refreshed enthusiasm among women](#), writes Michele Dillon.
- [U.S. Catholics also weighed in on the 2016 election](#) in last year's survey.

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