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Bishop Richard Malone of Buffalo, New York, is seen in a January file photo. Despite calls for his resignation over the handling of priests accused of sexual abuse, he said Aug. 26, "The shepherd does not desert the flock at a difficult time." (CNS/Tyler Orsburn)



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Anything happening in your diocese? Across the country, Catholics are gathering to address the sex abuse crisis.

Among them are Catholics in the <u>Archdiocese of Dubuque</u>, <u>Iowa</u>, and in <u>Carbondale</u>, <u>Illinois</u>.

Some Catholics are <u>reconsidering their financial donations</u>.

Some places have emerged as epicenters of the crisis, including the <u>Diocese of Buffalo</u>, New York, where some parishioners want their bishop to resign.

Still, the work of the church goes on: A Philadelphia parish welcomes refugees.

New York young Catholics perform an original <u>stage production</u> on the life of Blessed Solanus Casey.

Some parishioners in a New Jersey Shore community want to <u>keep an old church</u> <u>building</u>, now largely unused, but their pastor disagrees.

A total of \$400,000 is <u>embezzled</u> from a Missouri parish.

Parishioners at St. Isabel Church at Sanibel Island, Florida, are <u>seeking the</u> <u>reinstatement</u> of their former pastor, Fr. Christopher Senk. He was removed by Bishop Frank Dewane of the Venice Diocese, amid accusations that Senk took advantage of the generosity of a mentally impaired elderly parishioner. This dispute has been going on since October 2016.

Parishioners in Arizona mourn their 56-year-old Ugandan pastor.

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