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Leaders of Catholic colleges and universities want to help the church address the clergy sex abuse crisis. The Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities recently held its annual meeting in Washington, D.C., where the crisis was on the minds of attendees. National correspondent Heidi Schlumpf reports that members "have offered their expertise in service to the church." As one source told Schlumpf: "As leaders of these institutions, we have to make the offer and hope they take us up on it."

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Joan Chittister continues her examination of the 12 principles of humility of Benedict of Norcia: "Differences are a big thing. They keep a society alive. They are a well of creativity, a signal of new possibilities. They are the resources that nourish a new future for us all. Which is exactly where Benedict's second principle of life comes in."

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Michael Sean Winters gives his forecast for next week's four-day meeting in Rome, where bishop conference presidents from around the world will converge. The prelates will address the church's response to clergy sex abuse. One expectation:

"The Holy Father will recognize the need for each episcopal conference to develop its own policies, mindful of the varying legal and cultural situations in each country."

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From Global Sisters Report: Hundreds of migrants don't survive the trek through U.S. deserts. Felician Sisters support the efforts of a search organization that tries to find those who have perished.

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Three books cover (respectively): Thomas Merton's dual identities as priest and author; the search for God in the faith and experiences of others; and four months of introspection and ice formations in British Antarctica. Get three reviews for the price of one click of the link below.

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