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**EWTN: connected to conservative Catholic money, anti-Francis elements** is the second part of Heidi Schlumpf's series on the Eternal Word Television Network. EWTN owns a radio station, a newspaper, two online news services, a religious goods catalog and a book publishing arm; some of these outlets frequently serve as vehicles for rhetoric against Pope Francis.

"EWTN is not a nuisance, it is a claimant problem," Michael Sean Winters writes: **EWTN's voice is powerful, partisan and problematic.**

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has served letters to persons currently residing in church facilities declared as sanctuary sites. The letters notify the residents that they owe thousands in civil penalties. More in **Parish roundup: Outreach to the addicted; foster families; sanctuary.**

While Christine Schenk concurs with Sr. Rose Pacatte's opinion that director Garth Davis' "Mary Magdalene" film is perfect for Holy Week, **Schenk also finds the film** to be a perfect way to celebrate this eminent "Apostle to the Apostles" on or around her July 22 feast day.

Yousef Bashir once spoke to the students of Colman McCarthy's high school class on peace and justice. Bashir spoke of being a 15-year-old in the Gaza Strip who was shot in the back by an Israeli soldier. McCarthy told Bashir later that he ought to

write a book. [\*\*And now McCarthy is reviewing that book.\*\*](#)

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