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Michael Sean Winters continues his curtain raiser for the U.S. bishops' plenary meeting, looking at the released agenda: "The stated need to wait until the next round of strategic planning shows the lack of nimbleness we expect from a bureaucracy, but it shows something else, too."

One of the church's newest saints, who was canonized during the Amazon synod itself, would be most pleased with the gathering's dialogues: [St. John Henry Newman would approve of synod's final document.](#)

"Sadly, this past Sunday, I had to refuse holy Communion to former Vice President Joe Biden," said Fr. Robert Morey: [Biden denied Communion at Mass during campaign stop in South Carolina.](#)

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