

Economic crisis makes voters take harder look at presidential race

WASHINGTON - Voter registration is up nationwide and the U.S. presidential election captured the world's attention some time ago, but the current economic crisis that prompted Congress to approve a \$700 billion financial recovery package seems to be creating a more intensive focus by voters on the candidates.

Rabbi asks pope, synod leaders to speak out to defend Israel

VATICAN CITY - Israeli Rabbi Shear-Yashuv Cohen, the chief rabbi of Haifa, asked Pope Benedict XVI and top Catholic leaders to continue learning to appreciate the Jewish people and to speak out to defend Israel.

Catholics attending EWTN conference say event is like family reunion

DEKALB, Ill. - Catholics from across the Midwest got a chance to rub elbows with their favorite personalities from the Eternal Word Television Network during the EWTN Family Conference in DeKalb Oct. 4-5.

Respect Life Sunday lifts up culture of life

On a day Catholics throughout the archdiocese showed their support for the sanctity of human life with special Masses and prayer vigils, Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien called on legislators to protect innocent life.

Deacons and future deacons celebrate ministry

In his ministry as a deacon, St. Francis of Assisi was beloved for his legendary humility and his unwavering commitment to the Catholic Church. On the Oct. 4 feast day of the popular saint, Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien encouraged current and future deacons of the Archdiocese of Baltimore to look to St. Francis as a model of ministry as the archbishop formally accepted 30 candidates to the diaconate and re-commissioned approximately 60 deacons.

Application Requirements for the

diaconate

The following requirements must be achieved prior to acceptance into the four- year formation process.

Scripture is essential to church's evangelizing mission, pope says

ROME - At a Mass to open the world Synod of Bishops on the Bible, Pope Benedict XVI said knowledge of Scripture was essential to the church's evangelizing mission in an increasingly godless society.

Pope urges church to help couples see beauty of natural procreation

VATICAN CITY - The church must find ways to help Catholic couples see the beauty of respecting the true design of procreation and avoid artificial reproduction and contraception, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Economic crisis shows why life shouldn't be built on money, pope says

VATICAN CITY - The current global financial crisis illustrates why it is a mistake to build a life on passing realities like money and success, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Abortion is murder

No matter how one looks at it, abortion is murder. The science of embryology states that from the moment of conception, a human being is formed. The DNA it has is not only human DNA but the DNA of an individual distinct from that of either parent. In forensic criminology DNA is used to distinguish one person from another. So the DNA of an embryo indicates that the embryo is a person.

Fiscal managers worried about Wall Street woes, but not panicked

MIAMI - People who look after the church's money say they are worried but not panicked about the nation's current financial woes.

Poverty rate up, American dream a bust for more people, speaker says

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - For more and more people, the American dream isn't turning out the way it was envisioned, said Cathy Hinko, executive director of the Metropolitan Housing Coalition in Louisville.