

British archaeologist: Find shows Turin shroud not from Jesus' time

JERUSALEM - Results from studies on the remains of a first-century shroud discovered on the edge of the Old City of Jerusalem prove that the famous Shroud of Turin could not have originated from Jerusalem of Jesus' time, said a prominent archaeologist.

Magliano's morality on climate change off base

My reaction after reading Tony Magliano's article on the environment (CR, Jan. 21) was regret for sending money to Catholic Relief Services for Haiti relief. If CRS uses their funds lobbying for theft based on climate change, they are harming the poor.

2009 - a turning point for bishops?

Was 2009 a turning point for the American bishops, marking a tougher and more realistic approach on their part to the myriad problems, internal and external, besetting the Catholic Church in the United States? It's too soon for final conclusions, but, on the evidence, history may judge the year just past in exactly those terms.

Iraqi archbishop: Christians, tired of waiting, will leave country

LONDON - An Iraqi archbishop has predicted a new wave of emigration from Iraq involving Christians who have tired of waiting for their situation to improve.

Thai Catholic agency denied access to Hmong before their deportation

BANGKOK, Thailand - Thailand's Catholic aid agency was refused access to more than 4,000 ethnic Hmong asylum seekers in northern Thailand, as thousands of Thai soldiers arrived to deport them to Laos.

Two Kenyans charged in murder of Irish priest

KERICHO, Kenya - Kenyan authorities have charged two men with the mid-December murder of an Irish priest.

Bishop Ricard suffers stroke, remains hospitalized in Pensacola

PENSACOLA, Fla. - Bishop John H. Ricard of Pensacola-Tallahassee remained in serious but stable condition Dec. 28 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola after suffering a stroke Dec. 22.

Bishop Ricard suffers stroke; your prayers requested

Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ, bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Fla., and former auxiliary bishop of Baltimore, was admitted to the hospital recently with a stroke. The following information was provided by the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee:

Catholic Charities helps house low-income seniors

Betty Wilson was on a waiting list for more than four years to get into a Catholic Charities' low-income housing unit. The 79-year-old widow finally secured a spot this summer at Friendship Village, a newly opened, 63-unit, low-income senior apartment

complex operated by Catholic Charities.

Demand for papal Christmas Eve Mass tickets exceeds supply

VATICAN CITY - Tickets for Christmas Eve Mass with Pope Benedict XVI were in high demand and short supply this year.

Of d'ohs and doughnuts: Vatican newspaper discusses Simpsons' theology

VATICAN CITY - People either love or hate the TV cartoon series, "The Simpsons," but there's no doubt the 20-year-old series reflects very modern notions - and confusion - about religion and spirituality, the Vatican newspaper said.

Orthodox Christians in Muslim

Turkey feel 'crucified,' patriarch says

WASHINGTON - Orthodox Christians in predominantly Muslim Turkey "don't feel that we enjoy our full rights as Turkish citizens," the spiritual head of the world's 300 million Orthodox told the CBS newsmagazine "60 Minutes" Dec. 20.