

Bishop Strickland says he asked pope about McCarrick report

Bishop Joseph E. Strickland of Tyler, Texas, said he asked Pope Francis about the Vatican investigation into Theodore E. McCarrick and the release of a promised report on how the former cardinal managed to rise through the church ranks.

Pope urges bishops to teach discernment, including on political issues

Sometimes the political choices people face can seem like a choice between supporting a “snake” or supporting a “dragon,” but Pope Francis told a group of U.S. bishops their job is to step back from partisan politics and help their faithful discern based on values, said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston.

Archdiocese ‘for’ Baltimore highlighted at Center Stage event

If Ray Kelly can turn things around, so can Baltimore City. That was among the takeaways Jan. 15 at Center Stage, when the Archdiocese of Baltimore and Catholic Charities of Baltimore were host to a “Faith in Baltimore” program.

Amid threat of war, world must not give up hope, pope tells diplomats

Hope is the virtue needed to approach the coming year, especially when the looming threat of war surrounds a humanity scarred by violence, Pope Francis said.

Pope begins New Year with apology, prayers for peace

Pope Francis began the New Year with an apology for losing his patience the night before with a woman who grabbed his hand and yanked him closer to her while he was greeting people in St. Peter's Square.

Martyrdom comes from following Christ without compromise, pope says

Martyrdom "is the sign that we are on Jesus' path; it's a blessing from the Lord that within the people of God there is someone who gives this witness of martyrdom," the

pope said.

Mother Mary Lange's cause for sainthood moves forward, Archbishop Lori says

Vatican officials are moving ahead with the cause for sainthood for Mother Mary Lange, Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori said Thursday in Rome.

W.Va. bishop meets Vatican official to discuss predecessor's amends

Tasked with finding ways his predecessor should make amends for abuses, including gross financial misconduct, Bishop Mark E. Brennan of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia, was able to meet with a top Vatican official to discuss those plans.

Baltimore delegation presents

Ravens jersey, spiritual bouquet to Pope Francis

A delegation from the Archdiocese of Baltimore presented Pope Francis with a custom-made Ravens jersey signed by Coach John Harbaugh, a Catholic, and quarterback Lamar Jackson during a Dec. 3 audience at the Vatican. They also gave the Holy Father a “spiritual bouquet,” a book produced by the Archdiocese of Baltimore that contains prayers and greetings from people across the archdiocese in celebration of the pope’s upcoming 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination.

Pope calls on leaders, tech giants to protect children online

While digital technologies have led to advancements in communication and education, they also have led to the exploitation of children on the internet, Pope Francis said.

El Paso bishop opens up about pain of parishioners behind letter on

mass shooting

El Paso Bishop Mark Seitz said he wanted the letter to be a “conversation starter” and also one that would explore the underlying causes of the mass shooting.

Archbishop Gomez elected USCCB president; first Latino in post

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles was elected to a three-year term as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops during the bishops’ fall general assembly in Baltimore.