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After an apostolic visitation into conflicts in the Memphis diocese, including the reassignment of a large percentage of its priests, [Bishop Martin Holley has been removed](#) by Pope Francis.

As the bishops' synod on young people enters its final week, voting on the final document is scheduled for Saturday. In other synod news:

- Film director [Martin Scorsese and the pope talked about how to bridge the generations](#) at an event sponsored by Loyola Press celebrating the publication of its book, *Sharing the Wisdom of Time*.
- "Listening" is a buzzword at the synod, but Fr. Tom Reese sees [three different kinds of listening](#) going on there. And Phyllis Zagano asks, "[Who is listening to whom?](#)" at the synod.
- At yesterday's press conference, participants said the final [document needs to reflect the concerns of all young people, not just those in the West](#).

[Washington D.C. joins](#) a growing number of states whose attorneys general have opened investigations into clergy sex abuse.

The U.S. bishops announced they will begin 2019 with a [spiritual retreat at Mundelein Seminary outside Chicago](#)—this, in response to a delegation of bishops’ meeting with Pope Francis in September. Chicago in January—sounds like penance to me.

In Washington state, the [bishops have endorsed a gun control ballot initiative](#).

Michael Sean Winters says in the midterm elections, [issues don't matter because the president is running on fear](#). Early voting has begun in many states.

ICYMI: The San Diego pastoral associate who resigned after being harassed because he is gay said he will “[continue to promote a church that welcomes all of God's children](#).”

Follow the “Nuns on the Bus” tour to Mar-a-Lago, which is focusing on “Telling the Truth about Tax Policy,” at Global Sisters Report’s blog [here](#).

An anonymous supporter of church reform went the whole Martin Luther, [pinning 21 theses on the door of St. Peter Cathedral in Erie, Pennsylvania](#).

A [new book gives an inside look at the New York publishing world of the 1950s and '60s](#) through the publishing partnership of Flannery O’Connor and Robert Giroux.

I did a brief interview with Illinois Public Radio’s “The 21<sup>st</sup>” show yesterday, about the [lawsuit filed against all six dioceses in the state for covering up sex abuse](#).

Don’t miss this [interview with America magazine’s Kevin Clarke](#), who recently returned from a trip to Iraq, where he reported on the very few Christians left there.

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