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Higher-ups were likely aware of McCarrick restrictions, says monsignor:

Msgr. Anthony Figueiredo, former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick's former secretary, released excerpted letters in the pursuit of transparency in the church.

"I knew nothing, obviously, of McCarrick," Pope Francis told journalist Valentina Alazraki during an interview that Vatican News published Tuesday. "Nothing, nothing. I said several times that I didn't know, that I had no idea."

El Paso stats support concerns about 'Remain in Mexico' plan: As Maria Benevento reports, "Seven weeks after the U.S. government rolled out its "Remain in Mexico" plan in the El Paso sector of the U.S.-Mexico border, statistics collected by the Hope Border Institute showed a stark reality which seemed to justify advocates' concerns about the program."

Peter Feuerherd starts this week's parish roundup with this question: "Want to change the church? [Susan Bigelow Reynolds suggests](#) getting involved in the nitty-gritty of parish life."

Michael Sean Winters explains why South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg won't win and shouldn't win the Democratic nomination for president.

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