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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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