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A pattern emerging across urban America: Ethnic Catholic neighborhoods are changing, with the newcomers often younger and less-tied to old traditions. They bring gentrification, excitement and energy, but not much in the way of formal faith experience. Read [how the church is responding](#) to one such neighborhood, this one in Minneapolis.

A Los Angeles workshop promotes the [art of chant](#) in sacred music.

In Buffalo, lay Catholics [respond to the sex abuse crisis](#) by asserting leadership in their parish.

Bishop Barry Knestout of Richmond, Virginia, [orders](#) that church buildings can no longer be named for church officials. That honor is to be reserved for canonized saints.

Parishioners from the suburbs south of Chicago [work together](#) on a Habitat for Humanity project.

A parish in Maine receives a [Matthew 25 Award](#) for its outreach to the poor.

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