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#### ['Vos Estis' at one year: Some question pope's process for investigating](#)

[bishops](#): One year ago Pope Francis established the new global system for the church to review reports of clergy sex abuse or bishop cover-up. Joshua J. McElwee spoke to canon lawyers who gave their opinions and concerns about the procedure Francis outlined in *Vos Estis Lux Mundi*.

#### [What politics—and the Biden campaign—can learn from the church about sexual assault](#)

Soli Salgado puts it concisely: Voters must choose between two presidential candidates accused of sexual assault. "To the extent that political bodies can learn anything from the Catholic Church," she writes, "the lessons are in the failings, say Catholic activists, feminists and survivor advocates, who have studied the fallout from the 50-year history of sexual abuse by clergy and coverup by bishops."

[The Catholic 'votes' will still pick the next president](#): In the follow-up to [his historical look at "the Catholic vote"](#) from yesterday, Michael Sean Winters today examines "why there is no such thing as 'the Catholic vote' and why this fiction, nonetheless, is still decisive for U.S. elections."

**If COVID-19 frightens you, you should be terrified by climate change:** "If you haven't been taking global climate change seriously for the existential threat it is," writes Daniel P. Horan, "now is an opportune time — and maybe your last opportunity — to embrace 'ecological conversion.' "

**History and tragedy linger in 'Ghosts of the Missing':** In this week's book review, Tom Deignan takes a look at Kathleen Donohoe's *Ghosts of the Missing*. What begins as "both an immigrant saga and missing persons mystery" becomes "a local history and ghost story, a family tragedy and religious journey."

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