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Poor in mind, pope presses for climate agreement

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI urged international leaders to reach a credible agreement on climate change, keeping in mind the needs of the poor and of future generations.

A feast

Kindergartners Matthew Seiter (left), Gabriella Stanford and Bethany Woodson (right) and her sister Bliss dine on a Thanksgiving feast consisting of corn on the cob, cranberry muffins and trail mix in November at St. Joseph School in Conway. (News photo)

Is there history of women deacons in the Church?

Q. In the history of the Catholic Church, have women ever been ordained to the diaconate? A. The history of women deacons in the Roman Catholic Church is a matter of controversy among theologians and Church historians. (Question Corner, Seeds of Faith)

Addressing U.S. bishops, pope defends efforts on sex abuse

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In a speech to U.S. bishops, Pope Benedict XVI defended the Church's "honest efforts" to confront the priestly sex abuse scandal with transparency, and said its actions could help the rest of society respond to the problem.

Father Robert Barron's series should inspire us

Thank God for Father Robert Barron. He has revitalized our adult education program for two years in a row. (Columns)

Benetton ad with pope: What is it about a kiss?

Benetton has pulled an advertisement featuring a doctored photo with Benedict XVI kissing Imam Sheik Ahmed el-Tayeb of Cairo's al-Azhar Mosque. The Vatican condemned the image and Benetton rather meekly responded that it was only trying to promote its "unhate campaign." (Columns)