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Cardinals with role in deal attend Havana Mass

HAVANA — Pope Francis, celebrating his first Mass in Cuba, was flanked by three cardinals who, with him, have been credited with helping seal the deal between the United States and Cuba to move toward normalizing relations.

Pope meets informally with Fidel Castro

HAVANA — Although it was not part of his formal program, Pope Francis took time after Sunday Mass to visit Cuba's ailing former leader, Fidel Castro.

'The queen' will join pope at Festival of Families

PHILADELPHIA — During Pope Francis' visit to America, he'll meet a president, governors, Catholic prelates and ordinary folks. He'll also meet a queen.

Obituaries

Mary A. Lynn, 101, a member of St. Peter the Fisherman Church in Mountain Home, died Aug. 16. She is survived by ...

Pope coaxes Vatican to open railway to Castel Gandolfo

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis' desire for a Church whose doors are wide open isn't just a metaphor for encouraging a greater spirit of welcoming.

The beatitudes provide the 'ultimate blessedness,' direction for living

When you hear the word "beatitude," my guess is you think of the Bible passage in Matthew 5:3-12 from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Or maybe, you even expand the idea to include Luke 6:20-26, Jesus' Sermon on the Plain in this gospel. (Understanding our Church, Seeds of Faith)

Who is your hero and why?

"My hero is a lady named Lena Jackson. She is a lady I deliver food to for the Arkansas Rice Depot for the food for seniors program. She is a very inspiring lady. She cares about my family and I. She teaches my family about God and ..." (Youthspeak, Seeds of Faith)

Don't let years go by without tapping into God's love, grace

For the past several years I've been noticing something while shopping. I've been watching the elderly and how they physically struggle to accomplish the simple task of buying groceries. Some must use a walking cane, others electric carts and many just walk very slowly, glaring at the shelves to locate what they need. (Columns)

Pope's words are as crucial as his actions

He has been called the rock star pope, the pope of change, the revolutionary. Pope Francis visited the United States for the first time this week and made history. (Editorial)