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## **Barron: Five steps to bring people back to the Church**

BALTIMORE — Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron of Los Angeles did not just bemoan the fact many young people are leaving the Catholic Church. He said Church leaders need to make it a priority to bring them back.

## **What fear has God helped you overcome?**

“On a personal level, the way I found out I was born and how I was born really hits me hard. I found out that I was actually supposed to be paralyzed. I was born three months before I was supposed to and the doctors said I was going to die ... Sixteen years later, here I am. I do have some minor ...” (Youthspeak, Seeds of Faith)

## **Did you know?**

St. Barbara was an early Christian Greek saint and martyr whose feast day is celebrated Dec. 4. In an old custom, Czechs and Slovaks broke off a cherry tree branch, according to “The

Catholic Source Book,” and would display the branch on ... (Seeds of Faith)

## **We must engage 30 million Hispanics now**

The alarms went off — again — in October 2019 as the Pew Research Center reported on a recent survey indicating a fast and steady decline of people in the United States self-identifying as Christian. (Columns)

## **New insights about necessity of purgatory**

The Nov. 16 issue of Arkansas Catholic contained material about purgatory, a subject that many of our Protestant brothers do not believe. If you truly give it some thought, I think you would be glad there is such a state. However, I think too much emphasis is placed on ... (Letters to the Editor)

## **Respect, listening are keys to 2020 election**

As we are less than one year before the presidential election, is there a way that we could imitate Jesus more as we dialogue about the candidates and issues? (Editorial)