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Bishop Taylor greets pope in Rome

ROME — A pilgrimage to the apostles' tombs in Rome helps bishops renew their sense of unity as well as rededicate themselves to being missionaries bringing the Gospel to the world, said Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City.

Sending him forth

Then-Bishop-elect Francis I. Malone (left), retired Archbishop J. Peter Sartain and Vicar General Father John Connell sing during vespers at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock Jan. 14. (Photo)

Pope, Pence meet privately at the Vatican

VATICAN CITY — After Pope Francis and U.S. Vice President Mike Pence met privately for nearly an hour at the Vatican, Pence told the pope that his Roman Catholic mother will be pleased with the visit.

The Gospel in 'Harry Potter'? Literature can echo faith and hope

Years ago, students took my photo from the school website and used it to create a meme. The caption above my photo read: "'Cat in the Hat Comes Back' Symbolizes Resurrection." We all had a pretty hearty laugh, primarily because it was true! Story after story, poem after poem, we'd learned that good literature has, at its core, the promise of God's love and action in our lives. (Understanding our Church, Seeds of Faith)

How does God speak to you?

"God will call me when he feels the time is right. He does it for everyone. I wonder what it will feel like. Maybe God will ..." (Youthspeak, Seeds of Faith)

What I learned on the pond: reckoning with winter

The snow has begun. It is expected to last 18 hours, piling nine inches high and crippling weekend plans. The streets are emptying, the collective dash to the grocery store completed. (Columns)

In our house: The more, the merrier

Zippering down the path toward marriage after a few months of dating, my future wife pulled me aside one sunny afternoon and asked how many children I thought would be ideal for our family. (Guest Commentary)