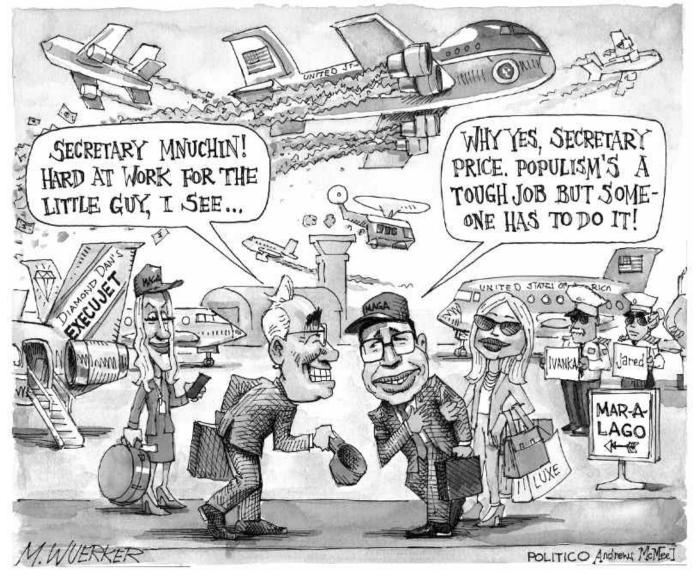
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I've been trying to get my head around the Republican tax plan. Probably the most important thing I learned is "Many important details were left for Congress to hash out." Here are some resources that I am reading:

- Six Charts That Help Explain the Republican Tax Plan
- The New Republican Tax Plan Still Isn't a Plan: The so-called "framework" for tax reform has more gaps than substance.
- <u>Pres. Trump releases tax plan, but will it pass bitterly divided</u> <u>Congress?</u> (Video)
- Opinion: The Surprisingly Good 'Republican' Tax Plan. This is from Forbes.
- Opinion: **Economists Have No Use for Republican Tax Cuts**: They don't boost growth; they just add to deficits.
- House Speaker Paul Ryan on tax reform: <u>'We really can get this done this</u> <u>year'</u> (Hey remember that Sinsinawa Dominican who schooled Speaker Ryan on Catholic social teaching? She told us: "<u>Oh, gosh. He talks about being a</u> <u>Catholic, but it seems to me that he missed the whole part on Catholic social teaching</u>.")
- Team Trump can't 'guarantee' middle class won't face tax increase

ICYMI: A "year of gratitude" celebration kicks off tomorrow in Chicago: <u>As 8th Day</u> Center for Justice enters final year, sisters shepherd center's conclusion

Jesuit Fr. Hans Zollner, a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, speaks to Vatican Radio about <u>the lessons learned during the past</u> <u>three years of work.</u>

Here's our report on the meeting (his first) Pope Francis had with the commission: Pope admits Catholic Church waited too long to respond to clergy abuse crisis

Related news: Several priests in prison for child sex abuse still being paid by Louisville Catholic church

This story, originally reported Sept. 26, was updated Sept. 28. <u>Minnesota diocese</u> <u>settles in lawsuit against Bishop Hoeppner</u>. You can read the letter the deacon candidate was asked to sign.

And from our neighbors to the north: **Canadian bishops won't publish new policy on minor protection till 2018**. The child protection protocols the church in Canada now operate under, "From Pain to Hope," date from June 1992. New guidelines were supposed to have been published in 2016.

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We've done a bit of reporting about U.S. Catholics forced out public speaking gigs. (See, for example, <u>Martin</u>, <u>Bratten Weiss</u> and <u>Copeland</u>.) Here's some news from Poland about a gag order lifted: <u>Silenced priest speaks against Catholic</u> <u>Church's cozy relationship with Polish government</u>

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