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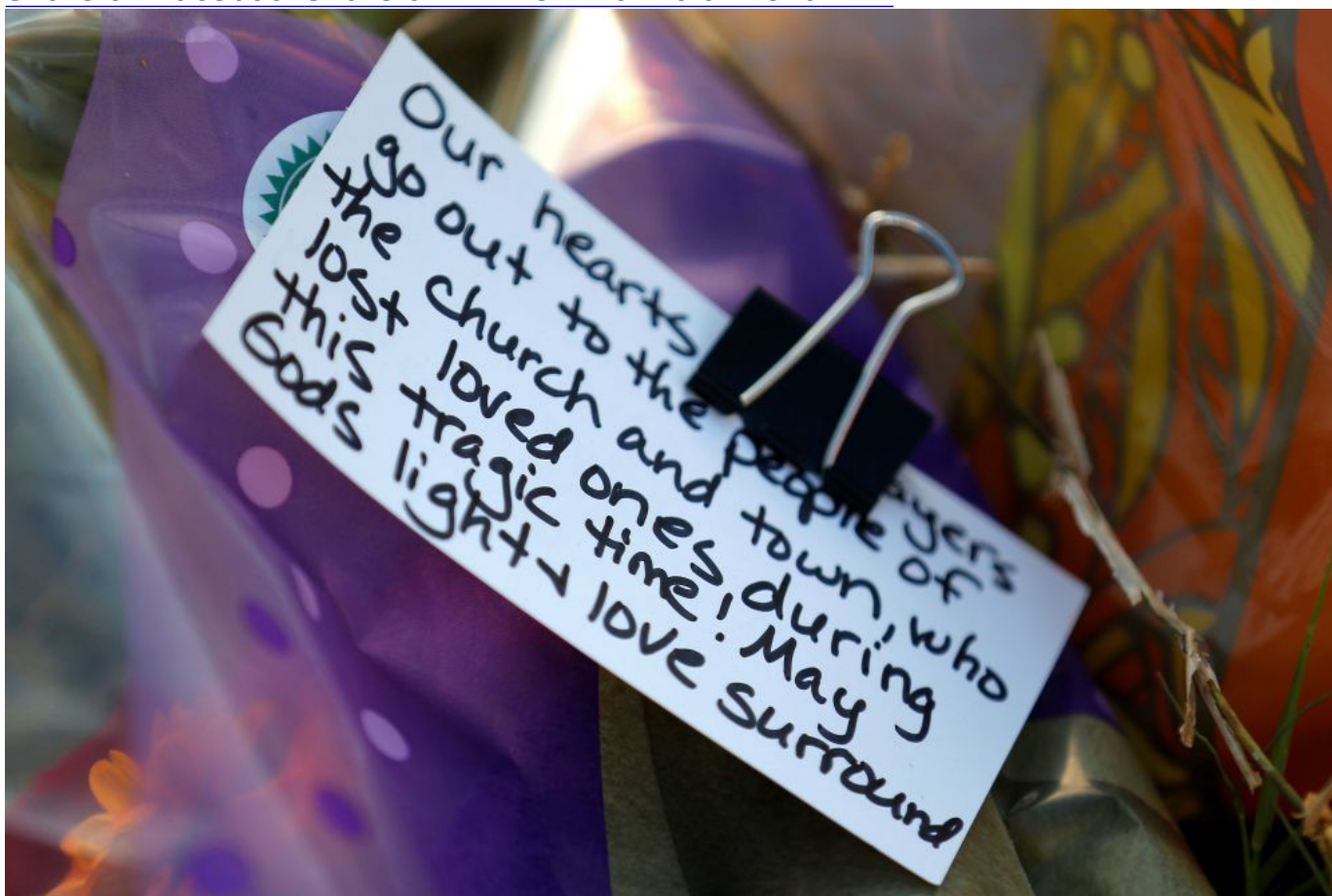
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A note is seen at a memorial Nov. 7 near the site of the shooting at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas, which was Nov. 5. (CNS photo/Reuters/Jonathan Bachman)

The Boston Archdiocese, in response to the killings in Texas, [takes steps](#) to keep churchgoers safe. The response from the Diocese of Dallas is confusing: it [urges eliminating signs prohibiting weapons](#), while maintaining that its no-guns policy still is in force.

A Guatemalan immigrant [describes what it's like](#) to live in a church sanctuary.

In Wisconsin, a parish secretary is [convicted of stealing](#) at least \$800,000 from her parish and gets four years in prison. Gambling appeared to play a role.

The church is alive and well in Pittsburgh, says Bishop David Zubik, who argues that a [massive consolidation will bring renewal](#) to the diocese there. Meanwhile, a court [rejects a request](#) from parishioners to stop a church merger.

In Lynchburg, Virginia, a Catholic parish [expands its religious education and outreach](#) to people who need rent assistance.

A pastor goes on a [hiking trip with children](#). Because there were no other adults present, he is removed as pastor because of what the diocese describes as a lapse of judgment.

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Know where your church donations go? It isn't all that easy to find out. A [recent study compared diocesan financial transparency](#): the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, ranked the lowest while Sacramento, California, gained top honors.

Jesuit Fr. Greg Boyle of Los Angeles' Homeboy Industries [talks with National Geographic](#) about the problem of gang violence.

Dreamers [come together to pray for immigration reform](#) at the Milwaukee cathedral.

An historian explores the long [history of black Catholics in the U.S.](#) and finds that there are more black Catholics than members of the A.M.E. Church.

In North Carolina, Catholic Br. David Boone, a parish administrator, is [remembered for his civil rights work](#).

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