



Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, gives the opening prayer Nov. 13 at the bishops' fall general assembly in Baltimore. Also pictured are Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB president, and Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield, USCCB general secretary. (CNS/Bob Roller)

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This week, Joshua J. McElwee, NCR Vatican correspondent, reports from a recent high-profile conference at the Vatican on nuclear disarmament. He'll explain what Pope Francis said about nuclear weapons, and whether the world is listening to Catholic leaders. Later, NCR's Michael Sean Winters and Heidi Schlumpf are back with a recap of the bishops meeting in Baltimore earlier this week. They talk about what election results mean for the future of U.S. church leadership. The conversation also touches on some noteworthy action items from the meeting, including the vote to create a pastoral plan on marriage and family life.

## Show Notes

- In a high-profile Vatican conference on nuclear disarmament, Pope Francis openly [denounced the continuing possession of nuclear weapons](#) by various world governments.
- Church leaders are [shifting nuclear views](#) from deterrence to disarmament, reports James Dearie.
- In a Mass celebrating the 100th anniversary of the bishops' conference, [Cardinal Pietro Parolin addressed the U.S. bishops](#), calling for "profound consensus."
- On day one of the general assembly, the U.S. bishops [presented a united front](#), says Michael Sean Winters.
- U.S. bishops from hurricane-ravaged dioceses [say they are still suffering](#), although Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Extension are helping in their recovery.
- Breaking tradition, the U.S. bishops [elected Archbishop Joseph Naumann](#) to lead the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, which has always been led by a cardinal.
- The bishops' [discussion of a pastoral plan](#) on marriage and family life as a follow-up to 'Amoris Laetitia' struck a traditionalist tone.
- The U.S. bishops, as a group, still resist Pope Francis' pastoral impulse, [writes Michael Sean Winters](#).
- For all the news from the USCCB meeting, visit our series [USCCB Fall 2017](#).

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