



Epiphany falls on Saturday Jan. 6 and marks the official end of Christmas for worshipers across the world.



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Two stories that ask what we will do 'for the sake of the children.'

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- Days before the U.S. Department of Homeland Security decides whether to extend or terminate a special immigration status for some 200,000 Salvadorans in the U.S., Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso [pleads with the Trump](#)

**administration to think about the well-being of the immigrants' children who are U.S. citizens.**

An NCR editorial: **US policy perpetuates violence in Honduras**

Three examples of the Catholic Church working in the world:

- **Philippines poll suspension rumors alarm Philippine bishops**
- **Africa's Catholic bishops assert peace-building priorities**
- **Philippines military personnel charged with murder of Italian Catholic priest**

Q & A: **Sr. Sonia Zuleta Ruiz runs an orphanage for girls in Medellín**

Michael Sean Winters wraps up 2017 and looks ahead to 2018:

- **2017 alters the landscape of the US church**
- **Regrettably, Trump dominated politics this year**
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The aim of papal activity over the next year is to put more flesh on the inspiring blueprint the pope issued for his pontificate in 2013

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At the second busiest Catholic destination in Paris: **Tourists, pilgrims find sisters' welcome at Montmartre's Sacré-Coeur**

On the accountability beat, we ran this story a couple weeks back: the Archdiocese of Agaña on Guam is facing lawsuits from more than 100 men and women alleging abuse by priests between the 1950s and 1980. **Guam's day of reckoning after decades of sex abuse**. The reporter, Anita Hofschneider of Honolulu Civil Beat, now has a podcast: **Confronting Faith**. (It's the podcast at the top of the list, release date Dec. 28.)

Catholic Church rocked by new sex abuse scandal as **10 paedophile priests named in Switzerland**.

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