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First responders and residents walk amid debris and destroyed homes Oct. 11 after Hurricane Michael swept through Mexico Beach, Florida. (CNS/Reuters/Carlo Allegri)



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Parishioners react to the lack of communication about pastor changes in the Memphis Diocese. Their <u>protests have an impact</u>, as Bishop Martin Holley is removed by Pope Francis.

There is a plea to commission local artists for parish work.

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