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The unprecedented Vatican meeting of bishop leaders to discuss clergy sex abuse and its cover-up gets underway in Rome Feb. 21. Here's a report leading up to it.

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With the unending flood of stories on this, new details emerge that hint at progress.

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In late January, Nick Sandmann's legal team sent more than 50 letters to media outlets, individual journalists, celebrities, and Catholic dioceses and archdioceses warning of possible legal action for coverage of the incident. They did it: The Catholic high school student at the center of an encounter with a Native American

tribal leader in Washington filed a \$250 million defamation lawsuit Feb. 19 against The Washington Post.

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Presentation Sr. Joyce Meyer is Global Sisters Report's liaison internationally, so we relish what she brings back from her many travels. This is the latest: "We need young female theologians if women's voices are to carry on the legacy of those women who began the work of breaking through patriarchal theological barriers and to continue contributing to the theological development of our Catholic Church!"

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Here's an example how!

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