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### [\*\*Lay group urges Pittsburgh Diocese to do more to restore broken trust.\*\*](#)

NCR Bertelsen intern Madeleine Davison reports: "The Pittsburgh Diocese is reeling from declining attendance and a massive restructuring program two years after a [2018 Pennsylvania grand jury report](#) uncovered widespread clerical sexual abuse in six dioceses in the state. A lay advocacy group now says diocesan leadership has made few concrete steps to restore trust with parishioners."

From NCR Bertelsen intern Lucy Grindon: [\*\*Bishop John Stowe rebukes Trump as 'anti-life.'\*\*](#) Stowe publicly criticized President Donald Trump during a July 31 webinar, saying: "For this president to call himself pro-life, and for anybody to back him because of claims of being pro-life, is almost willful ignorance. He is so much anti-life because he is only concerned about himself, and he gives us every, every, every indication of that."

[\*\*Catholics join Virginia pilgrimage recalling legacy of racial injustice:\*\*](#) "As Confederate statues and memorials fall across the South, a coalition of Catholics and other Christian groups in the Norfolk, Virginia, area has mobilized to speak up about racial injustice and calling for action."

At EarthBeat, [\*\*as India moves toward ambitious climate goals, it is trampling on sacred groves in desert ecosystems.\*\*](#)

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