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I've been trying to get my head around the Republican tax plan. Probably the most important thing I learned is "Many important details were left for Congress to hash out." Here are some resources that I am reading:

- [Six Charts That Help Explain the Republican Tax Plan](#)
- [The New Republican Tax Plan Still Isn't a Plan](#): The so-called "framework" for tax reform has more gaps than substance.
- [Pres. Trump releases tax plan, but will it pass bitterly divided Congress?](#) (Video)
- Opinion: [The Surprisingly Good 'Republican' Tax Plan](#). This is from Forbes.
- Opinion: [Economists Have No Use for Republican Tax Cuts](#): They don't boost growth; they just add to deficits.
- House Speaker Paul Ryan on tax reform: ['We really can get this done this year'](#) (Hey remember that Sinsinawa Dominican who schooled Speaker Ryan on Catholic social teaching? She told us: "[Oh, gosh. He talks about being a Catholic, but it seems to me that he missed the whole part on Catholic social teaching.](#)")
- [Team Trump can't 'guarantee' middle class won't face tax increase](#)

ICYMI: A "year of gratitude" celebration kicks off tomorrow in Chicago: [As 8th Day Center for Justice enters final year, sisters shepherd center's conclusion](#)

Jesuit Fr. Hans Zollner, a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, speaks to Vatican Radio about [the lessons learned during the past three years of work.](#)

Here's our report on the meeting (his first) Pope Francis had with the commission: [Pope admits Catholic Church waited too long to respond to clergy abuse crisis](#)

Related news: [Several priests in prison for child sex abuse still being paid by Louisville Catholic church](#)

This story, originally reported Sept. 26, was updated Sept. 28. [Minnesota diocese settles in lawsuit against Bishop Hoepfner](#). You can read the letter the deacon

candidate was asked to sign.

And from our neighbors to the north: [Canadian bishops won't publish new policy on minor protection till 2018](#). The child protection protocols the church in Canada now operate under, "From Pain to Hope," date from June 1992. New guidelines were supposed to have been published in 2016.

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We've done a bit of reporting about U.S. Catholics forced out public speaking gigs. (See, for example, [Martin](#), [Bratten Weiss](#) and [Copeland](#).) Here's some news from Poland about a gag order lifted: [Silenced priest speaks against Catholic Church's cozy relationship with Polish government](#)

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