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Oak Park, Illinois, Catholics <u>come together</u> to help the homeless.

A parish in Gary, Indiana, threatened with closure, has reinvigorated itself.

More parishes in the Boston Archdiocese work collaboratively by sharing a pastor.

Rhode Island parishioners <u>work together</u> to fight hunger, including with an annual Good Friday walk to the State House.

St. Charles Borromeo Parish in South New Jersey <u>hires armed security</u> to patrol church grounds during weekend liturgies.

Louisiana Catholics join in a Bible Reading Marathon.

In the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, parishes are <u>asked to participate</u> in a diocesan revitalization process. A pastor there is making himself known in an effort to <u>stem the tide</u> of Catholics leaving active practice.

In Fargo, North Dakota, aging Catholics are concerned that there has been a <u>cutback</u> <u>in priest visits</u> to senior facilities.

<u>Low-gluten hosts</u> are now available in most parishes for those afflicted with celiac disease.

Stained-glass windows <u>celebrate modern heroes</u> of social justice at a Buffalo, New York, church.

Catholics in the Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio, <u>await the results</u> of a financial audit. Expenditures have been put on hold during an investigation of diocesan accounts.

Religious schools around Houston, including Catholic high schools, are <u>undergoing a</u> <u>boom</u>.

<u>Parish renewal is the theme</u> of an April 19 symposium at Seton Hall University in New Jersey. The event will mark the 40th anniversary of Renew International.

A parish school in Green Bay, Wisconsin, <u>thrives via outreach</u> to Latinos.

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